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PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

THE ANTI-TIPPING BILL IS EAGERLY WATCHED

SEEKING SEMI-CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION

A "Continuation School" for the Benefit of Girls, to be Established—Capt. Charles Young a Recent Guest in the City.

By Lee L. Brown.
(1006 West Chestnut Street.)

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

The waiters, porters and bell boys are waiting with anxious hearts the outcome of the Anti-tipping bill that has been offered in the State legislature at Frankfort. The hotel keepers are very uneasy as they are aware of the fact that should the bill pass they will have to increase the salaries of their help. If the gentleman who presented this bill should come to Louisville and stop at one of the popular hotels he would receive a cold reception.

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Says the Louisville Courier Journal: "The colored people of Lexington may have a chance for securing the Semi-Centennial Exposition in 1913. Senator Bradley, of Kentucky, has received word that the committee on appropriations will report favorably his bill appropriating $250,000 for a semi-centennial exposition of the emancipation of Negro slaves by President Lincoln. R. R. Wright, president of the Georgia Industrial College, argued for the bill last week before the appropriations committee. This sum ($250,000) is to be given providing that the colored people of the United States will raise $50,000. It is said that if the colored people of Louisville are contenders they will doubtless take up the bill at once as one of the provisions of the bill is that the exposition will be held either in Washington or some slave State."

Your correspondent calls upon every loyal Kentuckian to commence at once and make an effort to bring to dear old Kentucky this great exposition. We have not a minute to spare. We call upon the local branch of the Negro Business League to take steps at once toward organization. If necessary, let us send representatives at an early date to urge congress to select Louisville as the mee ting place of this great exposition. Let committees be appointed in every ex-slave State to assist in soliciting the desired amount to be raised by the colored people of the United States. Let every colored journal in the country take an active step to bring about this great exposition that will mean so much toward solving the so-called Negro problem, and will assist in portraying the higher life of the Negro.

Already we have mailed several letters to some of the leading men asking what steps they will take toward bringing to Kentucky the Semi-Centennial Exposition.

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A "Continuation School," for the benefit of colored girls already in domestic service, will be established at the Eastern Colored school, of which Prof. Meyzeek is principal. Cooking, sewing, laundry work will be taught. Miss Sarah Rogers, who has charge of the industrial work in the city schools, is using every effort to carry out this plan. She will be assisted by the teachers in domestic science of the colored schools.

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Amony the many distinguished visitors who were here during the funeral services of Prof. Delaney, was Capt. Charles Young, of the United States army, the only Negro that has graduated from West Point in recent years. Capt. Young, who has a great military career and who has been recently assigned to Liberia as military attache, representing the United States government. During his sojourn in this city he was the guest of Prof. and Mrs. Welch. Capt. Young has a number of friends in Louisville, among them we might mention the name of Dr. Wilson S. Ballard.

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Mrs. Columbus Johnson, the wife of Dr. Columbus Johnson, has returned to the city from Cleveland, O.

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There has been quite a number of deaths in the city during the past two weeks.

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Mrs. P. D. Burke, the wife of P. D. Burke, the undertaker, who was murdered a short while ago, has offered a reward for the capture of Harry Leon, who is accused of the murder.

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Mr. James Harris, United States storekeeper, was in the city last week for a few moments' stay.

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We are almost ready to make our inspection of the business districts of Frankfort, Ky., under the guidance of the very popular newspaper correspondent, Mr. Hardin Tolbert.

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The Clay-Lewis Hotel Company have opened up offices on Tenth street, near Magazine street, and have employed a clerk furnished by the Brown's Public Typewriting shop. Mr. C. B. Clay, who retired from the tailoring business a short while ago, will give his entire attention to the hotel concern.

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The ground hog was an unwelcome visitor in Louisville.

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Dr. Cook, the well-known Arctic explorer, was in the city a short time ago.

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Mr. H. B. Britt, the sweet gospel singer, has returned to the city after an absence of several months.

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The Brotherhood of St. Paul of Quinn chapel will hold exercises in commemoration of the birthday of Fred Douglass, February 14. An interesting program will be rendered. Dr. W. T. Amiger, president of the State University, will deliver the principal address.

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Miss Lillian Crutchfield, of Covington, Ky., was in the city Sunday, sojourning among her friends. Miss Crutchfield is the teacher in the Covington high school.

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The Normal Alumni Association will give their annual dance on February 22. This affair is always looked forward to with great pleasure by the members.

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Great preparations are bing made for the Cane Club dance, to be given a few days from now. The boys are making every effort to eclipse all former dances. These young men, aside from the social side, have added a literary feature to their Club. From time to time there will be debates and special programs given at their club rooms.

Misses Eva Colbert, Pearl White and Duval have arranged to give a very swell affair at the U. B. F. hall, February 16. Quite a number of invitations have been issued.

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Mr. J. B. Mason, who has been very ill at the Auditorium Flats, is much better.

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Quite a number of persons in the city are ill at this writing, and the severe cold weather has caused much suffering.

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The Good Samaritans and D. S. of S. of N. A., are wide awake. Rose Chapel Lodge No. 102, a new lodge at Pleasant Grove, Ky., has been organized with 25 charter members by Mrs. Rose R. Adams, district deputy.

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Mr Smith Johnson, who worked for Dr. Harthill so long, died last week of consumption, January 30th.

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Mr. Felix Bloom is confined to his home on Ninth street. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

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Mr. Lewis Williams and wife are both on the sick list. Mr. Lewis has been confined to his home, 1408 Walnut street, for three weeks.

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Miss Annie Finney died at Minneapolis, Minn., suddenly and her remains will be brought to Louisville for burial.

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Mrs. E. Ross Haynes, of Nashville, Tenn., organizer of the Y. W. C. A., was the guest of Mrs. C. H. Parrish at lunch last Tuesday evening.

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The Louisville Teachers' Association held its regular monthly meeting last Saturday at the Central high school building. A very interesting program was rendered.

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The management of the Walnut Street theater have announced the coming of S. H. Dudley and the Smart Set at an early date. Mr. Dudley will present his latest success, "Dr. Beans from Boston."

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They say that the Lyre theater has changed hands again; that the former managers are rusticating in Chicago, where they are enjoying a needed rest.

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The Houston theater remains closed, with very little hope of ever being opened again.

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Mr. John Wickliff, the very popular trap drummer, bells and xylophone player, has recently purchased a new set of instruments. His execution on these instruments is applauded at every performance at the Lyre theater.

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The Douglass Debating Club, under the auspices of the colored branch of the public library, are preparing for a very interesting program during the early part of March. Their debate last year will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

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Mrs. Guy Smith, of West Chestnut street, entertained a number of ladies who are members of a loca lclub, at her residence, last Tuesday evening.

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Lincoln School Aaid Club is the name of a recent organization in the East End, which was organized by the teachers of the Lincoln school, for the purpose of assisting children who are poor and not able to provide suitable clothing.

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We are all looking forward to the dedication of the new $80,000 school building recently completed in the East End, of which Prof. John Bell is principal. A special program is being arranged by the superintendent. It has been said by those who have visited this beautiful structure that it is the finest public school in the South for colored children. It has all the modern conveniences and will accommodate 450 pupils. Every citizen in Louisville interested in the education of Negro youths should be present on Lincoln's birthday, and witness the exercises that will be held in the building.

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Efforts should be made to secure Carnegie medals for a number of colored persons in Louisville, who risked their lives last week in the fire at St. James Court. The heroism of these loyal men and women should never be forgotten. Miss Mary Stratton, a colored maid, rushed through the building from the top to the bottom after the fire had been discovered, arousing the occupants of the building. Stokes Wade, the colored janitor, saved many lives by remaining at his post of duty in the elevator until every one had been safely carried out. Just as he left the elevator its ropes severed by the flames, permitted the car to drop from the sixth floor to the basement.

GEORGETOWN, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The first leap year celebration began in the form of a surprise party. A number of ladies met at the residence of Jennie P. Lewis, and an equal number of young men were at the residence of Mr. John Miller. The young ladies called for the gentlemen, each asking to accompany one to the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gillespie. It was quite a surprise to the young couple, and especially so when they were presented with a handsome rocking chair, cut-glass candle sticks, battenberg centerpiece, silver salt and pepper set, handkerchiefs and other articles. A dainty lunch was served, and the evening was very pleasantly spent playing games and enjoying the strains of sweet music....Sunday was quarterly meeting at Wayman Chapel A. M. E. Church. Rev. J. W. Frazier delivered excellent sermons. The services were very impressive....Mrs. Clarence Lewis, of Cincinnati, is still in our city with her mother, Mrs. Julia Trusty. ....Several ladies of our city have been doing some charity work during this severe cold weather. Let others follow. ....The district school at Stamping Ground, taught by Mrs. Nannie W. Steel, closed Friday, February 9....Mrs. M. Scott si on the sick list....Prof. John White has opened a night school with a large attendance....Mrs. Ed. B. Davis and little daughter Katie May spent Monday in Lexington....The pupils of the first and second year high school held their monthly rhetorical contests in the school auditorium Friday, January 26, which were a credit to both teachers and pupils....The beautiful cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson on Paine street was burned to the ground Sunday night about 12 o'clock. Their many friends sympathize with theim in their trouble....The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. William Miller last week and left two baby girls—Armildred and Augusta....Mrs. Elenora Crittendon has returned from a visit to Covington, Ky. ....Mr. Otto W. Steele passed through the city en route to Frankfort. He had been to Lawrenceburg to deliver an address at the closing exercises of the schools.

WELCOME, PERFECT DAYS, WELCOME.

"What is so Rare as a Day in June."

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Robert Keer, C. R. Miller, Bragg Wright, Moses Bell are better after having been ill for some time....T. Wilson was knocked from a stepladder at the sheet iron and tube works by a crane and received a dislocated shoulder. He is doing nicely at the City Hospital.... Mrs. F. H. Simpson and Mrs. George A. Lacey were operated on at the City Hospital and both are recovering nicely.... A number from the surrounding towns saw Mr. Dudley in his play, "Dr. Beans From Boston"....Edward Leece is at home with a sprained ankle....The Friday evening dance given by the Eureka Club in Deebles' Hall are becoming very popular....The musical and literary entertainment given by Heart and Hand Rosebud Nursery Tuesday was a success....The members of Mahoming Valley Lodge, No. 8082, G. U. O. F., met in regular session Thursday evening. C. C. Lottier is secretary....Louisa Edwards Court of Calantha, No. 30, met in regular session Wednesday evening. The meeting was well attended, and five new applications were received....Mrs. George A. Simpson, of Akron, was the guest of her sons, Attorney and Dr. Simpson.... Peter Doup, of 330 Pike street, is in New York on business....S. H. Dudley and his company in "Dr. Beans From Boston" were here February5, 6 and 7, and played to crowded houses....The choir members of the Oak Avenue A. M. E. Church had a very enjoyable reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Simmons, 638 Mt. Pleasant street, last Thursday evening. After rendering several of their strong choruses they partook of dainties which were in store for them. Those present were Mrs.A. Lynch, Mrs. I. Lottier, Mrs. Josephine Whitney, Mrs. Sarah GaGnt, Mrs. Hiram Simmons, Mrs. Alice Swinton, Mrs. Jessie Smith, Mrs. Maud Barrett, Mrs. A. T. Miller, Mrs. Nora Lilly, Mrs. W. H. Milton, organist, Mr. W. M. Pinket, Mr. Hiram Simmons, Mr. Roland Williams, Mr. Allen Morton, Miss Maude Adams, Mrs. Lelia Ward, Mr. Burnet Lewis, Mrs. Kittie Jones, Mrs. Maggie Saunders. Abraham Gant is chorister....A number of Mrs. Anderson Victor's friends gave her a surprise Saturday evening in honor of her sixty-sixth birthday, at her home, 654 Rison avenue. The evening was spent in music and social talks. There were several friends present....The Eureka Club will give a masquerade ball in Connell Hall Thursday evening, February 22, and prizes will be awarded.... The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Simpson, of Burke street, is seriously ill....George Burke, of Sharon, was the guest of his brother, Calvin Burke, this week....The funeral of L. Barnett was held in the Orr undertaking rooms Tuesday morning....Charles Miller, aged thirty-two years, died at the county infirmary at Canfield Sunday. He resided at 4 Griffith street.

TULSA, OKLA.

Miss Hettie May Hauser visited her father in Sapulpa, Okla., Sunday....Mrs. Lucy Collins has moved to her new home on North Greenwood street....Rev. C. L. Nethland is taking the day in the barber business; has one of the swellest shops in town, located on Boston street. There's where you can find The Freeman every Saturday. Read while you wait....Miss M. T. Tidwell and Miss Bessie Wilison were the guests of Mrs. C. Dewman Sunday....The C. M. E. banquet was quite a success, netting $24. Everything was up-to-date....Mrs. Belle Green is on the sick list....Mr. J. A. Randle, of Coweta, Okla., was the guest of Mrs. L. V. Collins this week....Rev. T. B. Flanigan was in the city this week....Mrs. Elmer Cousar and Mrs. Nancy Crage went to Sapulpa this week......Will Williams wants to know the whereabouts of his sister, Lucy Nesby. When last heard of she was in Denison, Tex....Mrs. Georgia Gipson, of Claremore, was here Sunday....Mrs. F. C. Smith and Mrs. Brooken will preside at the drama which will be given February 20 at the Clevener and Cherry Hall.... The Freeman is the best colored paper in Tulsa.

COLUMBIA, MO.

A jump from a two-story window to avoid being punished is the fate of one Jacob Henderson, a small boy in Grade 4 of Douglass School....Mr. Arthur Dixon is on the sick list this week, suffering with rheumatism....Mrs. Jennie Buckner is visiting in St. Louis....The program rendered at the Dunbar Literary Society meeting was an excellent one, and President Cox says he is trying to make all programs rendered there interesting.... Mr. Gilbert Woods is able to resume his work, after five weeks' lay-off on account of sickness....Miss Eva Estes is reported on the sick list....Grade 7 of Douglass School begins the study of civil government under the direction of Prof. J. Z. Moseley, and Grade 6 is to be instructed in United States history by Miss B. M. Sailes....Joseph Simpson Moseley and Electa Moseley are reported to be improving after a recent illness....Mrs. Amanda Gray entertained the Mite Missionary Society on January 31. Many spent a profitable afternoon, and expect to be at its all-day meeting February 15....Theatergoers have a full program this week.... Mr. Norris Moseley is working at the M. U. Hospital for a few days, until they secure a good man. Norris has a position with a new dry goods firm.

AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

COLORED CITIZENS HOLD A MASS MEETING

SOCIAL CLUB GIVES SWELL SUPPER

Little Kid Bush Gives Birthday Reception to Friends—Progress of Eugene Stone—Debate to be Given in March—Notes

(By Hardin Tolbert, 425 Washington Street. Phones: Old 654, New 453.)

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 10. (Special.—A legislative committee met at the residence of Lawyer L. D. Smith, on Washington street, to draw up resolutions to present before the General Assembly for an appropriation for the Normal Institute, which is very much in need, on account of their financial condition. The following officers were elected: Rev. W. T. Silvey, chairman; John M. Glass, secretary. The committee was divided into two sub-divisions to wait on the legislature, with the assistance of citizens and the staunch Democratic leader, Lawyer L. D. Smith, who has always been interested in his people. Lawyer Smith is better known as the Black Goebel, for the loyalty of the pride which he had for his State, and that never changeable principle which stood for pure Democratic government.

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The Capital Social Club gave a swell supper in celebrating their second anniversary. Messrs. Robert Hall and John Henry decorated the room with many beautiful flowers. Mr. Steward Henry acted as toastmaster, and an excellent progra m was rendered as follows: Mr. Louis H. Smith, "The Record of the Club"; Noel Wooldridge, "The Duty of the Club"; music by the orchestra; H. Tolbert, "Jackson's Speech Before the Missouri Assembly"; Carol Chisley, "The Spirit of Organizing a New Brass Band"; music by the orchestra. A five-course menu was served. The motto of the club is "No Foot Steps Backward"; colors, old green and blue. A paper was read from Mr. Garlett Smith, of Louisville, the former president. The following young men whose names are mentioned and others who join will run their cuts through this paper, combined with the young ladies' whose names are not mentioned now. The members are as follows: President, R. G. Hall; vice president, G. R. Miller, secretary, S. G. Henry; assistant secretary, J. G. Ray; treasurer, J. L. Henry; business manager, L. H. Smith; Russell Childs, Charles Juniper, Charles Wells, Linsey Wooldridge, Lesley Smith, Joe. Sanders, Franklin Simpson, Marrie Bishop, Philip Clark, and the board of control, Noel Wooldridge, chairman; Carol Chisley, Morton Nelson and Mack Brown, clerk.

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Mr. Eugene Stone, one of Frankfort's most progressive and popular barbers, is an active member of the A. M. E. church. He is an amateur violinist and plays on many special occasions in his church choir. He is actively engaged in his church work, which few progressive young men ever think of after they have risen from poverty in life. Mr. Stone had a sudden hemorrhage a few months ago, but being blessed with a sweet wife wife with a loving disposition, who cared more for her husband than the living he was making her, worked hard to give her husband all the comfort that was necessary and that could possibly be gotten by her aid Such worthy young couples as this are hard to find.

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Master William Kid Bush gave a birthday reception at his mother's home on Clinton street. The house was artistically decorated with many beautiful carnations and ferns, and a variety of other flowers. The table was decorated in a most exquisite manner which made it very attractive. The sweet little children came in their evening costumes, which made their appearance very pleasing. Those present were Misses Maggie and Hattie Harvey, M. Smith, A. Thompson, A. Higgens, M. Wooldridge, L. Walker, Virgia Madison, Master Bush's teacher at the Clinton high school; Messrs. H. K. Jackson and E. Wooldridge. Many presents were given this young man as a token of respect. Mrs. L. Bush gave him a new suit.

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Dr. W. M. Jackson, a former professor at the Normal Institute, arrived in the city from Lexington, to accept a position at the Hermitage distillery. Dr. Jackson is boarding at the residence of Mrs. Mary Russell Jessie, on Third street, in South Frankfort.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler, of Lancaster, Ky., are in the city, the guests of Mrs. Mary Russell, for a few days.

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Mrs. Pat Green, Jr., and Mr. George Coves spent the day in Georgetown, Sunday, the guest of their many friends.

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Mrs. Josephine McCone, a prominent restaurant proprietor, was burned out on Monday afternoon, and many friends express their regret.

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Miss Cydney Evens left for Louisville, to go to a hospital. She has been very ill for a few months.

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Miss Selena Smith was called here on account of the illness of her mother.

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Messrs. J. Henry and L. T. Smith have signed Mr. Marvin Bishop, of Bloomfield, to play baseball this season with the Capital Social Club.

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Misses Margaret Davis and Charlotte Moody spent a few days in Louisville, the guests of their many friends.

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Club No. 1 entertained at the residence of Miss Julia Perry, on Mere street, in honor of Messrs. Lee Wells and Harvey Tolbert, Misses Annie L. Thompson and Lake Campbell. A four course luncheon was served and a delightful evening was spent.

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Mrs. Joe Young, a prominent lady of this city, was called to Harrisburg on account of the death of her mother.

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Club No. 2 gave a special dance at the Odd Fellows' hall. The Redman orchestra furnished the music. Prof. J. B. Harris, accompanied by Miss Carrie Johnson, led the dances.

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Mrs. Rebecca Dupee, the mother of Dr. S. S. Dupee, of Evansville, Ind., is very ill. Mrs. Dupee is the Mother of the S. M. T. lodge in this State and Indiana, and many prominent citizens have sent letters of sympathy to her.

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Miss Jessie Allen spent a few days in Midway the guest of her parents.

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Mrs. A. J. Fields, of French Lick, Ind., and daughter, Miss Virgia, arrived in the city to be the guests of Mrs. C. E. Wells.

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Miss Eliza Price is very ill. She has paralysis and is stone blind.

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Mrs. Hattie Johnson fell from a two-story flat on Fifteenth street in Cincinnati. Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of the State Normal Institute and is well known in this city. She is a cousin of Mrs. Carrie Riders.

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Mr. S. E. Hoard, of Walden, Ky., spent a few days in the city on business

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Mrs. Martha Harris, who fell on the street a few days ago, is able to be up and around.

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Mrs. M. M. Wakefield spent a few days in the city representing the Baptist Mission convention. Mrs. Wakefield is the wife of Prof. C. G. Wakefield, a well-known educator of the State, and is a graduate of the Normal Institute.

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Mr. Fritz Brown has been very ill with the la grippe, but is able to be up.

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Mr. Nathaniel Helton, of Scottville, arrived in the city to be the guest of his son, who is attending the Normal Institute.

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Mr. Geo. Rhyner left for Ashland, Ky., to spend a few days and will leave there for West Virginia to spend a few weeks.

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Mr. John Canada is very ill with the rheumatism af his residence on Logan street.

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Mr. Ed. Russell is very ill with the la grippe at his residence on Third street.

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Miss Mary Taylor, of Louisville, is a guest of the city for a day.

The Freeman is on sale at the Frankfort Pressing Club.

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By the request of Dr. E. E. Underwood, Dr. H. B. Rosby, Coleman & Bros., and other business men and houses, your correspondent will collect for the above business men, beginning February 12. Your correspondent will make a thorough canvass of the city, so govern yourself accordingly.

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Lawyer N. R. Harper, of Louisville's "Talaboo musical company will play in this city two days, but the exact date has not yet been decided.

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The united revival will continue after the hard weather is over.

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Two prominent orators will enter into a debate on March 11. Resolved, "That Free Trade is More Beneficial to the American People than Protective Tariff." Affirmative, Geo. W. Martin, of this city, a former student of the State University at Louisville and Champaign, Ill., a branch of the Chicago University; negative, S. E. Hoard, a former student of the Springfield, O., high school and of the State Normal at Frankfort. This promises to be a warm debate between the two young men.

HENDERSON, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. Rogers, of Des Moines, Ia., delivered a lecture at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, February 4, on the subject, "Watch." This literary t reat was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.... One of the most delightful social events of the season was the party given by Mrs. Bessie Price, in honor of her sister, Miss Rose Cunningham, who received her guest in her charming manner and looked the very type of the girl of "sweet sixteen." ....The Girls' Athletic Club will give a va-entine party at the residence of Miss LaVetta oJnes, February 4....The Flower Girls' Club entertained at the residence of Miss Roberta Marshall. Every one reported a pleasant time....Dr. W. J. Weston spent a few hours in Basket, where he installed the officers of the K. of P. lodge....Invitations have been received by the friends of Mr. Charles Sullivan Carr, Jr., to help him celebrate his twentieth birthday anniversary March 5.

LANCASTER, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

Professor Burns, the principal of the Lancaster public schools is having a very successful season. Professor Burns was a student and graduate of State Normal College....Little Lawrence Duncan, a son of Henry Duncan, is very ill....Mr. George Robinson has bought a town lot and is planing to build....James B. Williams will build a reisidence as soon as the weather will admit....L. W. Faulkner will install a hand laundry and dry cleaning plant this spring....Mrs. Bell Floyd, the wife of Russell Floyd, is very sick at her home at Heyattsville....Rev. J. M. Mayfield preached a very able sermon at the First Baptist church Sunday morning. ....Rev. Dr. R. F. Bayley, former pastor of Nicholisville, Ky., has moved to Lancaster, office at the east end property of L. W. Faulkner....The colored people of Lancaster are planing to buy ten acres of ground in the sight of town for a park. The probabilities are favorable....Dr. R. T. Bayley was called Sunday morning to the bedside of Mr. John Jennings, an old soldier who is very ill.

Subscribe for The Freeman.

WOMAN'S WORK AND INTEREST.

Her Accomplishments, Present Doings and Her Real Needs and Helps.

BY MME. SYLVIA SHERRY.

(Note.—Persons desiring to communicate with Mme. Sherry will write in care of this office. This department is always opens to our women readers for any discussions that might be of interest to all.)

I have consented to write or edit a column for the personal interest of our women for the many readers of The Freeman, with the hope that my long experiences among my own sex might prove helpful to those who have failed to see the real importance of living in a useful sphere of womanhood. I find so many who do not know how to get the real value out of life, and yet it is within your grasp at your every turn. Of course, I may fail in my teachings, and, should I, you will find this column always open to criticism.

Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds,
But you can't do that when you're flying words.
Thoughts unexpressed may sometimes fall back dead,
But God Himself can't kill them when they're said.

We have heard of one woman who did not turn around to see what the other woman had on. Her name was Eve.

A TOAST TO WOMAN.

Here's to woman, the emancipator; the ideal product of a divine idea, the bed rock bearing the pedestals upon which swings the pendulum that sweeps the heights of heaven, and chimes the destiny of kingdoms to come. She it is who rocks the cradle in which blossoms the wisdom and inspiration of empires, kingdoms and republics, upon whose bosom is nurtured the geniuses of future enlightenment, dogmas, and creeds; who fosters the love and retains the respect alike for convict or ruler, whose mission can reach no limit, and whose strength is heaven's fortress.

COLORED FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

If you want to be healthy, wealthy and wise; if you want to keep your complexion and your husband; if you want your children and guests to rise up and call you blessed, join the Colored Federation of Women's Clubs. Little do many of us consider just what benefit this organization is to the uplifting of young girlwives or those in private service. Now, I am anxious that those belonging to that society in the various sections of the country should write and inform those who have no connection with the Federation, just what work their individual club is doing.

Women Do Not Worry.

Worry is a habit, and if you have this bad habit of worrying, you must attack it as you would a disease; it is something to be overcome; you must get rid of it.

Don't cry over those poor old "might-have-beens." Just accept your hard lot as students do allotted tasks, content to know that by and by will surely be vacation time.

Learn How to Live.

Health is yours if you but reach for it. Its hints are in each budding green, each breath of sun-kissed air, each thought of happiness, trustfulness and love.

We may live without poetry, music or art;
We may live without conscience, live without heart;
We may live without friends, we may live without books,
But civilized man cannot live without cooks!

CARROTS AS MEDICINE.

People are going in for the good old carrot "cure" again. They say there is nothing so good for the complexion. Scrape the carrots and add a fair quantity to salads. Take some every day, and watch the effect on your skin and hair.

DESTROYING VERMIN.

The sulphur candle is purifying, but it is not likely to kill all the life of such persistent prowlers.

You had better go to your druggist and get a pint of turpentine mixed with five cents' worth of corrosive sublimate, then with a feather or small brush dipped in the fluid go over the mattress of the bed carefully, touching ever crack and crevice and also the baseboards of the room.

This is generally effective after a week's treatment; sometimes two days will kill all the eggs and destroy the life of these loathsome visitors. This medicine, however, is poisonous, and be careful that it is placed out of reach of children or ignorant persons.

The sulphur candle is always purifying to the atmosphere, and disinfects, but you must endeavor to go over the room carefully to destroy these little creatures, that crawl away and hide themselves when unpleasant odors pervade their domain.

THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR IS HARD, BUT IT ISN'T LONESOME.

The kind of a girl in demand. "Pretty is that pretty does" is a time-worn adage that long since became obsolete, but is now being revived in spirit at least; and the girl nowadays, who would be considered pretty and attractive, must show it in her manners no less than in her face and dress.

To the young girl who wishes to enter a business life: She must be pleasant, courteous and not talkative; she must not in any way whatever be in the least familiar with her employer, nor allow him to treat her with familiarity. Such a girl is always safe.

I contend, and always shall, for the good old way of training children. I believe in the "Yes, ma'am" and "No, ma'am," the "Please" and "Thank you," the respectful silence while older ones are talking, the rising to give a chair to the mother or father or to the guest of the family.

CRACK FILLER OF NEWSPAPERS.

Soak a newspaper in paste made of one-half pound of flour, three quarts of water and one-half pound of alum; mix and boil it until it is thick as putty.

A plum pudding brought to the table lighted is a pretty sight as the blue flames curl about it, but the digestive organs suffer as a consequence of this illumination.

COCOANUT POUND CAKE.—Beat a half pound of butter to a cream, add gradually one pound of flour, one pound of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a pinch of salt, a teaspoonful of grated lemon peel, quarter pound of desiccated cocoanut, four well-beaten eggs, one cup of milk. When cold, spread with icing and dust with cocoanut.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN DUNAHOE, KNOWN AS UNCLE JACK, NORFOLK, VA.

Rev. Withrow, pastor of the Colored M. E. Church, on Goff street, is writing a sketch and seeks relatives of "Uncle Jack," who was his grandmother's brother, and regarding "Uncle Jack's" death the following appeared in The Aurora at the time:

John Dunahoe was born in Caswell county, Virginia, in the year of 1800, a slave in the Dunahoe family, and died at the residence of D. D. Lattimore, Esq., at Polkville, Cleveland county, N. C., June 27, 1888, aged 88 years. He was given to John Elliott by his father-in-law in his wife's portion, and brought to this section when eleven years old, and, being a bright, active boy, was taught the blacksmith's trade.

John Elliott died in 1827, and "Jack," along with the other slaves, upwards of forty in all, was sold and was bought in by his widow, Mrs. Mary Elliott, the mother of Col. A. J. Elliott, her youngest son and now only surviving heir.

Mrs. Elliott died in 1864, and in the distribution of her property "Uncle Jack" was not valued, but allowed to select his home among the children, and chose to live with Mrs. Mary, wife of D. D. Lattimore, Esq. The darkies being freed in 1865 did not disturb "Uncle Jack's" domestic relations much (when he said he had always been as free as he wished). So he remained at home, visiting his wife, who had been in the Goode family. But now he was burdened with her support, which he did by working in his shop, and with his corn patches, etc., until she died. He then married Winnie Brooks, who had always been free and had a comfortable home. He lived with her until she died. Soon after the death of his second wife his house, with all of his earthly possessions, were burned. Now old, homeless and destitute, Mr. Lattimore invited him back, telling him that the same doors were still there and all opened to him while he lived, and, though he had many children and grandchildren, he chose the old home, where he was tenderly cared for to the last and decently buried by Messrs. D. D. Lattimore and Dr. V. J. Palmer, whose wives he had raised.

The old man was very little trouble, as he kept lively and jovial up to within a few days of his death, and was cheerful to the end. While on his deathbed he was happy in reviewing an honest, well-spent life, and alluded with pride to a conversation he overheard between "Old Miss" and Henry Fullenwinder at the sale in 1827, wherein Mr. Fullenwider informed her he had attended the sale with the intention of buying Jack at any price, but would not bid against her, but would give $100 for her bargain, when she very earnestly replied that she could not raise her children without Jack.

This conversation impressed him with the confidence and responsibility imposed. And he raised her children, serving her faithfully for thirty-seven years, to the time of her death. He overseen the other darkies and had entire supervision of everything about the plantation, and in his good management was surpassed by none in his section. He represented a superior type of his race, bright in color and intellect, quick in action and of most cheerful and jovial disposition—kind and polite to all and a great favorite with children. Under the old regime at the Methodist churches where he worshiped, services were seldom closed without a fervent and eloquent prayer from "Uncle Jack." He was the highest ideal representative of "the little old log cabin in the line." The good angels have borne him away to his everlasting rest. His memory is pleasant to all who knew him here and hope to meet him in the "sweet by and by."—J. C. E.

HARTFORD, CONN., NOTES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. R. R. Jones, of 41 Martin Street, is suffering from a severe sprain caused by a fall.

Mrs. A. F. Lee, of Bloomenthal place, is suffering with La grippe.

Steward's Symphony Orchestra is still holding its meetings at Mr. Clifford Robbinson's on Sanford St.

Rev. R. F. Wheeler, of the Talcott St. church, was tendered quite a surprise last Thursday, he being presented a handsome Morris chair by the members of his Sunday school class.

MrF. James Jackson, of Aetna Life Insurance Co., is convalescing from his indisposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Batuys are at Palm Beach, Florida, and expect to leave shortly for Nassau.

The Dutch supper given by the Harriett Beecher Stowe club, on January 24th was a success. The committee was Fwell pleased and wishes to thank all those who patronized them. The proceeds will go towards the fund to pay for lots purchased by them. The club will give something similar to this every month, and solicit the patronage of all well wishers and friends.

MFrs. Eliza G. Culley is ill at her home 38 Warren St.

The correspondent of this paper wishes to announce that the Summer Club, Harriett Beecher Stowe, and other bodies, have an Old olks' Home located on Mather street. There they will find the aged grgateful for anything they might bring. Any donation may be forwarded to the correspondent of this paaper and will be turned over to the proper auFthorities. Contributors names will be printed in this paper.

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The beautiful Sterrs home was handsomely decorated for the occasion and to enliven the festivities, several out-of-town guests were invited. Among the guests of the club were Dr. and Mrs. D. H. C. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Paine, Mr and Mrs. C. D. Watkins, Dr. and Mrs. U. S. Dean, Mesdames Katie Brothers, James Phillips, James Alexander, Millie Robinson, Mrs. White, of Ohio; Messrs. J. N. Barber, of Atlanta; W. R. Pettiford, Jr., of Birmingham; Dr. Henry Bryant, of Birmingham; Dr. Roman T. Adair, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Thomas Hope, Robert De Jarnette, Edgar Harris, Wisdom Harris, N. A. Brown, Dr. W. T. Watkins and Scott Brown.

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Tenth.—To demand a better common school system for the education of our children, and to do all in our power to keep them in school until they attain the age of fourteen years.

Eleventh.—As ninety-six per cent of our race do manual labor, therefore be it resolved that we do all in our power to prove to all classes that our labor is worth as much as any other race or nationality in this country, and that we are determined to use all honorable means to accomplish this end, that we will be better able to support ourselves and families.

Twelfth.—That we are determined not to cease our efforts until we shall have secured peace and friendship with capital and labor, and the social virtues of all the good citizens of our country. That neither state nor church can find cause to deny our rights or will stand idly by and permit one to do so. God being our guide we will follow.

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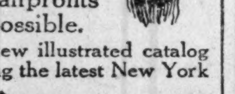

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Allen's National News Bureau.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).

The Mardi Gras and fancy dress ball given by the Utopia Neighborhood Club, at the new Star Casino last Friday evening, was a brilliant social event, and brought out a large and representative gathering of those prominent in the social and professional life of the metropolis. The masquerade costumes of the ladies and gentlemen gave the audience a magnificent coloring, and produced an effect that will not be easily forgotten. Looking down from the boxes were splendidly dressed men and women who added to the stateliness of the occasion. The ladies, who were members of the Utopia Club, were all smiles, over the success of their first entertainment. Mrs. S. A. Reed, who is the president of the Neighborhood Club, expressed to your correspondent entire satisfaction over the success of the entertainment. The purpose of the entertainment was to assist in raising funds to establish a home for delinquent colored girls. The members of the Utopia Club, many of whom are social workers, have seen the great need of such a home for the preservation of the unfortunate colored girls and women. An unusually elaborate musical program was arranged and staged by Jesse A. Shipp, the well-known actor. The principal attraction was the crowning of the most popular young man and womking and queen, which was determined by the highest number of votes received. It was 11:45 when the polls closed, and considerable excitement prevailed among the candidates over the ultimate outcome of the election. Some of the most prominent young men and women of the race were candidates. During the evening special music was furnished by the New Amsterdam orchestra, under the direction of H. Gladstone Marshall. The result of the election was announced in favor of C. C. Allison, Jr., being crowned king, and Mrs. Odessa Warren Gray was crowned queen. This feature was followed by the coronation procession, which was across the large hall to the stage, where the king and queen were crowned and given the reign of the throne. This was done in the midst of great applause.

The coronation procession was made up with drill girls, flower girls, pages and Turkish dancers. Among the drill girls, who came in for a large share of praise for their excellence in drilling were the Misses Edith Davis, Aurelia Davis, May oJnes, Oleita Smith, Marguerite Dudley, Irene Parker, Ethel enkins, Ethel Dooley, Imogene Butler, Maud Hayes, Addie Matthews and Elizabeth Butler. The Turkish dance before the king and queen was a thrilling feature and ended the coronation exercises. It was the "wee sma'" hours before the great throng wended its way home, full of the praise for the Utopia Club for its brilliant evening. According to the general opinion expressed to your correspondent, the occasion was one of the most elaborate and successful ones given for such a worthy cause in the metropolis for a long time. The Utopia Club is planning to do real constructive work, and its first entertainment proved to be a decided success. The members or the Utopia Club hope to make the entertainment an annual occurrence. Mrs. Reed told your correspondent that there was great need for a home for the delinquent and unfortunate colored girls of the city. Miss Grace Campbell, who is the first colored woman to be made probation officer in New York, is also another very enthusiastic member of the club, and in her daily work in the courts sees the urgent need of better protection for the colored girls. Mrs. James M. Taylor speaks of the great need for such a home for the colored girls, who, are on probation, and believes that all the young women want is a chance to live useful lives. A recent investigation by the colored social workers of the city, brought to light the marked contrast in the treatment of the colored and white inmates of the regular city probation homes. The Utopia Neighborhood Club works in conjunction with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Inter-Urban Committee and other associations having for their purpose the general betterment of fallen humanity.

History of Eighth Illinois Regiment.

Information has just reached this bureau concerning the early history of the Eighth Illinois, the crack colored regiment of Chicago, and a part of the National Guard of the State of Illinois. The history of the hard struggles that confronted the regiment in the early history of its application to become part of the National Guard of Illinois is one that ought to concern every member of the race. The bill to muster in the regiment was refused at least twice. The information that has just reached this bureau is in direct contradiction to the information that went out from Chicago several weeks ago in which Colonel John R. Marshall was given the credit for bringing about the influence for the mustering in of the regiment. According to the information, Hon. John C. Buckner, who was the first colonel of the regiment, was largely instrumental in aiding in the mustering in of the regiment. The following is the history of the Eighth Illinois regiment: The Ninth battalion, the nucleus of the Eighth regiment, applied for admission to the State service in October, 1890. The application was made to Governor Fife, a Republican, but was refused, the excuse being that there was not sufficient money available to support the command. This led to new methods and a committee was sent to the next legislature to lobby for an increased appropriation. The appropriation was larger than ever before, but Governor Fife explained that the increased appropriation did not cover the requirements of the Ninth battalion.

Another committee, composed of Captain John C. Buckner, Major Benjamin Johnson and Colonel Thomas Hartigan, waited upon Governor Fife from time to time and for three years the Hibernian Rifles, under Colonel Hartigan, and the Ninth battalion, under Major Johnson, were maintained at the expense of the officers and the Citizens' Association. Through the efforts of Major Johnson, 125 uniforms were bought, and the Citizens' committee, through Major Washburn, borrowed 125 rifles which were in the hands of the police department. In the Thirty-ninth Assembly in 1895, John C. Buckner, who had succeeded Benjamin Johnson as major, and also elected as a member of the legislature, introduced a bill which provided for an admission of a battalion of colored men and had the appropriation raised to cover the expenses of the new battalion. Governor Altgeld, a Demicrat, signed the bill and on the night of November 4th, 1895, four companies of colored soldiers, consisting of 317 men, were mustered in and became a part of the National Guard of Illinois. From that time until May 11, 1898, John C. Buckner was the major commanding the Ninth battalion. John R. Marshall, who is now the colonel of the regiment, was captain of Compan A. On account of the trouble with Governor Tanner, Major Buckner resigned on May 11, 1898. In July of the same year the Eighth Illinois regiment of volunteers was mustered in and Governor Taner appointed the officers, with Colonel Thomas R. Marshall in command. The regiment was made up from all over the State." The above account comes from good authority and is said to be an accurate account of the earl history of the famous Eighth Illinois regiment, that has since become one of the most efficient regmiments of the National Guards of the country. The early work, the most important of all, was done by Major John C. Buckner.

A Prominent Zion Churchman.

Tassel F. Taylor is one of the most prominent churchmen in the ion connection and has represented the connection at many of the annual conferences and on other occasions. He is a North Carolinian by birth, and has been a noted figure in his native state. He was educated in the public and high schools of the State, and formerly taught school. He was one of the trustees of Carr's Academy, one of the most important schools of the section.

He was in the enrolling clerk's office, a member of the legislature and among the first to volunteer with the Third North Carolina colored volunteer regiment, and before the close of the war was made second lieutenant. Since coming to the metropolis he has been active in the Zion church circles, and was one of the delegates to the general conference to meet in Charlotte next May. He is one of the most active members of the Harlem A. M. E. Zion church, being one of the trustees. Mr. Taylor is one of the most prominent men of the race and the metropolis and has a large circle of friends. He is one of the most active members of the colored regiment that is being organized in New York.

A Prominent Politician.

A. D. Rice, who is the custodian at the Republican state committee, 33 West Thirty-ninth street, is one of the most prominent politicians of the race. His positin brings him in direct contact with the leading politicians of the country. President Taft when visiting in the metropolis, never fails to visit the headquarters of the Republicans of the State of New York, and the country. Mr. Rice looks after all of the confidential matters of the men and before an audience is secured, Mr. Rice must be consulted. Few men know the political situation more thoroughly than Mr. Rice and none has a better opportunity. Mr. Rice came from Virginia several years ago and has since been a factor in the political life of the city of Brooklyn, where he resides.

General News About the Metropolis.

Society circles are up in arms over the approaching musical events, which are the annual entertainment of the Frogs, on Monday evening, January 29, and the annual pre-Lenten at Palm Garden, on February 15.

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Prof. William Pickens, who won the honors at Yale several years ago, and Rev. Dr. Garner, of Washington, were visitors to the metropolis last week.

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The intense cold that has held the metropolis in its grip for the past week has ended.

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CLEVELAND G. ALLEN.

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Special to THE FREEMAN.

Please allow me space in your most valuable paper to inform your readaers of our little town and some of its business enterprises. We have three colored doctors, O. S. Sawyers, J. W. O. Lu and G. H. A. Bryant. Two colored groceries, three restauFrants, one hotel, one soda Two colored insurance collectors, H. Maxton and Chas. Rufus. H. C. Monds, the tonsil barber for haircutting and shaving. Our public school is under the management of Brother Stagall and wife. Geo. Taylor is manager of the O. S. Sawyer pool room. We have an old reliaable undertaaker with us now, in the person of A. Mangrum, from Columbus, Ky.

The Freeman will be on sale at H. C. Mond's barber shop every Saturday.

KENTUCKIANS AT TUSKEGEE.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 19.—Headed by the well-known J. H. Garvin, supervisor of colored schools, Winchester, Ky., a party of nearly thirty Kentuckians visited the Tuskegee Institute during the Negro Conference and spent several days inspecting the various departments and partaking of Tuskegee's lavish hospitalaity. For the most part the members of the party were from Winchester, being men and women engaged in the school work in that interesting community.

Mr. Garvin, as leader of the party, expressed himself as satisfied with the visit in every way. He stands very close to Mr. J. R. E. Lee in the affairs of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, and is altogether one of the very best and most effective men in the public school work among Negroes anywhere. With Mr. Garvin from Kentucky were Mrs. J. H. GarFvin, Ed Willis, manager of the Patchen Wilkes stock farm near Louisville; E. W. Chenault, G. S. Johnson, E. S. Taylor, Mrs. E. S. Taylor, G. H. Gunn, Misses A. C. Johnson, L. V. Rannels, E. M. Masterson, T. M. Allison, Mesdames J. B. Benton, A. M. Drummer, Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Coleran, J. E. Kuykendall and John Gordan. There were also from Louisville, William H. Steward, editor of the American Baptist; James Walker and Rev. Dr. Anderson, pastor of Quinn chapel A. M. E. church.

The entire party was entertained at a luncheon by Principal and Mrs. Washington and by the Kentucky students in Dorothy hall, and at luncheon by Mesdames Julia Thomas and A. A. Turner. Another unique entertainment was given the Kentucky visitors by the students of Milbank Agricultural hall. Miss Runyon, one of the Kentucky teachers at the Institute, entertained the party at dinner on Saturday, and a reception in Dorothy by the officers of the military department completed the rather lavish entertainment.

Bringing a ten thousand dollar stock horse, the gift of E. W. B. Stokes, proprietor of the Patchen Wilkes stock farm, near Louisville, as a testimonial to Mr. Willis' worth and his years of confidential painstaking work at the celebrated stock farm, Mr. Stokes had presented Mr. Willis, through the Tuskegee Institute, an $800 silver tablet, commemorating the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Breeding, Riding and Driving of Horses.

In presenting the tablet to Mr. Willis, Dr. Washington took occasion to refer to his long work for Mr. Stokes and to the cordial esteem in which he was held by the celebrated financier. Mr. Willis has had an interesting career. He was born in Virginia during the reconstruction days gaining his early education while splitting rails and working on the farm. He became interested in the training of race horses, and has worked his way up in Mr. Stokes' employ from the modest wage of $9.00 per month to the position of manager of the celebrated Patchen Wilkes farm. Together with Mr. Garvin, Mr. Willis is one of Kentucky's best men, and is loyal to any movement that means the welfare and elevation of the colored people.

MASON CITY, IOWA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

In spite of the dull times and the cold weather there is plenty of fun around our little city....There was a grand leap year entertainment riday night of last week and the ladies were there, and I should say, not alone. Each brought a gent. We are proud to witness this entertainment as it was a success..The Young Peoples' Christian Endeavor Society was organized Sunday, January 28, at the colored Congregational church. There is room for lots of good workers....Mr. W. L. Jones read a paper, "Why We Should Join the Church," which was well received....The pastor, Rev. J. Peny, announced that the ministerial body of ministers had decided to make Februaary a church going month, therefore his talk was along that line....The Golden Shield Tabernacle are preparing for a whoop drill. Mrs Charles Barton, of Des Moines is at the head of this organization. She is a wheel horse when it comes to working and has made many friends here. We hope her a long and prosperous future. ......"Oh, you drums." Mr. John Mitchell, an all round trap drummer, of Des Moines, is spending his winter in Mason City....Prof. J. A. Durrough, our present agent for The Freeman paper, has organized a club called The Freeman Young Folks' Progressive. Club for the purpose of uplifting and for social entertainment..Hereaafter The Freeman can be bought at Mr. Will Carter's shining parlor....Miss Ella Stratton is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Jones, in this city.

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I am a married woman and have been for ten years. I had only lived six months in any peace on earth in my home until I consulted this worthy woman. Two years ago, and since then, my home, by taking her advice, has been all that any family could wish. I am your sister in Christ,

MRS. W. H. H.,
Sherman, Texas.

To Whom It May Concern:

My dear readers, you are missing half of your life in misery and shame, worrying with a man that will not try once to please you, cherish or comfort you, and hold a bright light of good moral conduct before his children, by making home happy. Now, listen; if you have sighed, worried, cried and pleaded with him, and to no avail, you pray and let Madame McNairdee advise you. I know you will never regret it. My husband was a drunkard, a run-about and around, a gambler, and the most wicked man that our Lord ever let live, until all at once, after reading so often of this woman, I took up courage and let her hear from me. oday, I will say it is on a stair-steps of ibles, I have a model man in every respect. I will praise this woman as long as I have breath. She made my husband a man, a husband, a gentleman.

I am yours in Christ and S. M. T.,
MRS. T. G. D.,
Oklahoma, Okla.

My Dear Friends:

I am now making my own volunteer statement because this lady has caused me to be so happy. I would like so much

to give you my name, but I hope you know why. I went with a young man two years and we spat all the time. We were twice engaged and he would disappoint me, until I consulted this wonderful lady. Now we are married, and have been for near three years. He is so nice and kind to me. I told him a few months ago of this advice and he would not agree with me until he lost his job, and then made up his mind, and do you know that my husband has one of the best jobs of his life by consulting her. No matter what you want to do or know, let her hear from you, and I vow you will never regret it. I cannot help believing that she is sent of God to do just what she is doing, and you never hear of a thing ugly that she has done. I visited her during the K. of P. Supreme Lodge, and I never met a nicer lady. I am a Christian and a leader in a good many church clubs. We chatted a good deal of such things. I find her very entertaining. I am, as ever, her friend,

MRS. JOSIE T. M.,
Washington, D. C.

To Whom It May Concern.

I have always been one of those that did not give any thought of this until about four years ago I had a great trouble and it cost me almost every dime I had, and my mother asked me one day to tell some of this trouble to this woman that we read so much about in our papers. Mother says, "I feel that she can help you." I had to laugh with tears in my eyes, for I was in jail; then finally I said, "Suit yourself; anything now, so I come clear and get out of here." She let this woman hear from her and about me. We never can forget what this woman said in reply. She said in substance, "If you will pray and trust God, I will do the rest." And bless her to-day and forever. I was called to trial, and every witness that could be found spoke in my behalf, and those who did not could not be found. I was returned to jail twice and then set free. Do you blame me for saying she is a power unknown, to help those who seek her aid? I am now doing business for myself and making good. Every month I send her twenty dollars. I have done this for four months, and shall always divide my last dime with her. I am her friend at all times.

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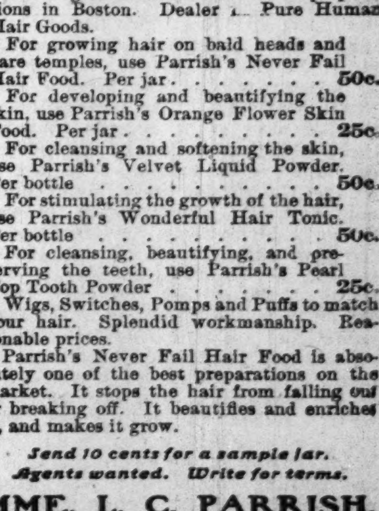

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SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 1912.

Judge Hook got the hooks.

We might make eggs a legal tender, if not the final money.

From zero up is fine weather in these days of 10 below and so on.

Mayor Shank is going after the governorship of Indiana. He's got the nerve, all right.

We hope the Rev. Dr. Thirkield, president of Howard University, will be made a bishop of his church if he cares for the job. He is worthy and capable. Success to him in anything he seeks.

A. P. Prioleau, Negro, of South Carolina, is contesting the seat of Congressman George S. Legare, white, a Democrat. Prioleau says that he got the votes, but Mr. Legare got the credentials.

Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, St. Louis, Mo., has been selected by President Taft to succeed Justice Harlan on the Supreme Court bench. His name will be presented to the Senate in a few days.

Dan Linus has a time of it in getting placed with the city administration. He didn't care for the superintendency of the city mules. He thinks himself no more fortunate in the proposed appointment of watching leprosy patients.

A Negro church in Baltimore has won against the infamous sytem of eviction, termed segregation. The judge said the members could worship where they chose. Considerable more God in the business will also work wonders elsewhere.

It took considerable courage to utter the following words:

"I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves * * * are and henceforward shall be free."—President Lincoln's Proclamation, Issued January 1, 1863.

It has not fallen to the lot of any other individual on which the sun has shone to speak so courageously.

A memorial will be built to the memory of Abraham Lincoln in Washington, according to the Lincoln memorial committee. It goes without saying that the hall or the monument will be a splendid tribute to his greatness, and at the same time an ornament to the country. He has become so endeared to mankind that whatever may be done to honor and perpetuate his memory will not be considered extravagant in his praise.

Governor Blease, of South Carolina, is getting his name up. He seems to aspire to the Tillman, Vardaman et al. class. Among his anti-Negro recommendations to the legislature of his State is one praying for the dissolution of Negro lodges on the theory that they assist Negro criminals to defy the laws. The charge is a new one, and more than likely the Governor has been misinformed. The Governor strikes at the most blessed institution known among Negroes for their temporal welfare. Without these organizations the Negroes' past would have been woeful. The sick and the dead would have been public charges. The orphans and widows would have meant unspeakable distress. In fact, we feel that in this respect the race is satisfactorily, eminently right.

An effectual blow has been given the Baltimore segregation law. Judge Stump held that the congregation of a Negro church had the right to worship in the church house, in spite of the fact that it was in a "white block," the decision being sustained by the common law. Another excellent example of the kind of cases we may expect to win in face of the intense anti-Negro sentiment. The segregation is revolutionary as it regards property rights and the freedom of the individual in his own domain. The fact of occupation has no social significance, nor does it inconvenience others; these, aside from the fundamentals of the law, that throws all manner of saefguards about the purchasing contract. Transfer of property title should be at the discretion of the individual, and not at the caprice of racial or political partisans. Whatever demand there is for such a movement is at the instigation of a few, hence in no wise reflects the popular will. Riding in special cars, eating in our own hotels, sitting in our own opera houses are nothing compared to the buccaneering principle of eviction known in Baltimore and a few more cities.

JUDGE HOOK'S NAME WITHHELD.

So far the President has made no nomination to the United States Supreme Bench to succeed the late Justice Harlan. The leading Negroes have contended that Judge Hook, the heretofore most prominently mentioned candidate, was unfitted for the bench because of an opinion given that stood for discrimination against the Negroes. Those opposing the judge felt that they were justified in doing so. The fact that the President holds up the nomination is proof that the matter of his appointment was worthy of serious attention.

We want friends on the Supreme Bench, undoubted friends, who will withstand assault on the Negroes by way of the Constitution, and will stand up for simple justice in all matters, regardless of race.

Negroes should protest unfriendliness in spite of overwhelming adverse sentiment. Sentiment and policy are not right on the Negro question, and the effort to have it right is in the right direction.

Assistant Attorney General W. H. Lewis, Ralph Tyler, Kelly Miller and others who lead in the movement, have done a worthy thing and are deserving of the commendation of the entire race.

TENNESSEE K. OF P.'S NON-SUITED.

The Negro Knights of Pythias have lost their suit before the Supreme Court of Tennessee. By the decree they are given six months to disband. But the Negro lodge men are not so easy; they will carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

This suit was similar to several others now pending in the Southern States. The white Knights of Pythias have for years insisted that the Negroes have infringed on their rights, by using their laws, regalias, symbols and so forth. The Negroes, however, have not stopped their course in building up useful and progressive institutions, all through the South and throughout the land, under the head of Knights of Pythias. The litigation in all these cases has been long drawn out, and well worth the fight on the part of race men, who have only followed custom in such matters. They have too much to lose to give up without a struggle.

We respect the matter of the origin of inventions, patterns and so forth, yet think it clearly wrong to recall a principle that has been allowed to sleep for years—innocuous desuetude, to use the well-known expression of Grover Cleveland. And it is a principle in law, old English law, at any rate, that usage establishes custom, and custom becomes a binding law when sanctioned by years of "non-interruption." Legally, all this may count for naught with us at this day, in this country; but it served its purpose, adjusting by equity, as seems the necessity in this particular case. Viewing it in some such light, we see no reason why the matter of Negro Knights of Pythias should not remain in statu quo.

We do not seek to anticipate the action of the Supreme Court of the United States, to where the Tennessee case will be appealed. But we feel free to say that no inconvenience or hardship will befall the white lodges of Knights of Pythias should the colored men continue to use the works, regalias, symbols and so forth that are set forth in the complaint.

Not long since the Supreme Court at Washington held that it was compelled to take something beyond judicial recognition of questions coming before it that involve drace issue. We think it was in the Berea school case of Kentucky. Sensible Negroes refused to assault their own manhood by an indorsement, but they were forced to admit to themselves that the sentiment of the country on the Negro question is the index for Supreme Courts, Presidents and Congressmen.

Here, then, is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate just what kind of cases may be decided for or against white men without endangering the foundation of the government. Here is no danger of bringing to review the bugbear of social equality, the great uncourted of every white man—hence a united opposition. Here is no civil or political struggle threatens to thwart creeds and articles of sworn faith anent the Negroes, consequently does not promise an upheaval of any kind. We hope the Supreme Court will find good and sufficient legal reasons to decide in favor of the Negroes, as an object lesson on practical political economy, the tenets of which are gathered out of passing events—not speculation or theory, and thus not help at perpetuating monstrous wrong, from the standpoint of social organizations among themselves, and owing to the uncontested permission of the years.

NEGRO SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., February 5.—A jury at midnight Saturday returned a verdict of life imprisonment for Arthur Jackson, a Negro who held up and killed Joe Alberts, when the latter was closing a saloon five weeks ago. A minority of the jurors had held out for the death penalty. Jackson appeared well pleased with the verdict.

Within an hour he was on the way to the Michigan City prison. There had been some angry remarks by men in the court room in the closing hours of the trial, and threats were made that if the jury did not hang him "others would," and it was deemed best to pronounce judgment at once.

NEGRO ASSAILANT OF GIRL LYNCHED BY GEORGIA MOB

MACON, Ga., February 4.—Charles Powell, a Negro, who assaulted and robbed a young white woman here last night, was taken from officers and lynched by a mob early to-day.

Previously county officials had sought to prevent the lynching and had removed Powell from the jail, about which the mob gathered. Powell gone, the would-be lynchers were admitted. Then followed a man-hunt, in which all outgoing trains were watched. Members of the mob used automobiles and came up with the Negro and his two guards in the yards of the Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad, four miles from the city, where the Negro had been taken to board a train for Atlanta. He was tied to a telegraph pole and hundreds of bullets fired into his body.

At noon to-day a crowd of several hundred men carried the body to the heart of the Negro section of the city and burned it.

NEGRO, AT BAY, ENDS LIFE.

PADUCAH, Ky., February 4.—Rather than take his chances of summary punishment at the hands of a posse of citizens, an unidentified Negro, surrounded to-night in a woods near Edgoten, Ky., shot and killed himself. At 6 o'clock this evening he had shot and mortally wounded Lee Jenkins, a clerk in a country store, when Jenkins rebuked the Negro for boisterous conduct.

"JIM CROW" DECISION DUG UP.

No Nomination Made for U. S. Supreme Bench.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—White House developments to-day gave a backset to the hopes of the friends of Judge William C. Hook, of Kansas, who up to this time had been confident that Judge Hook would be nominated to the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States.

President Taft to-day called in four lawyers of his Cabinet, Messrs. Knox, Fisher, Wickersham and Stimson, to consider the most serious objection which had been raised against Judge Hook. This objection is based on a decision he gave in a "jim crow" car case, in which he held that unless the traffic justified it from a financial point of view, day coaches only need be furnished to the Negroes, who had complained that they were deprived of the better class of accommodation furnished the whites.

Nagel's Stock Rising.

The decision seems to have given the President and his advisers a great deal of concern; so much so, that the expected nomination has gone over, perhaps indefinitely, and the stock of Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, of Missouri, has taken a leap upward. Senator Sutherland, of Utah, also is understood to be under consideration.

The first complaint on account of the "jim crow" decision was presented to the President through Assistant Attorney General W. H. Lewis; Ralph Tyler, of Ohio, auditor for the Navy Department, and three other colored officeholders in the District of Columbia.

The Negroes of the country always regarded the late Justice Harlan as the champion of their race, and they hoped to obtain in his place another man of friendly and sympathetic disposition. They have been strongly opposed to Judge Hook, and this political feature of the situation, although not called to the President's attention, has been generally discussed among them for several weeks.

DR. WILLIAMS ON A VISIT

Will Work for One Week at the Hubbard Hospital.

By Cary B. Lewis.

NASHVILLE, Ky., Nov. 7 (Special).

Dr. Daniel H. Williams, the eminent physician and surgeon of Chicago, arrived in the city on Monday for a week's work at the Hubbard hospital. He has been coming here annually for fifteen years upon the invitation of Dr. R. F. Boyd, a member of the Meharry Medical Staff.

The distinguished surgeon was escorted to the class room of the college, where there was a "feast of reason and a flow of oratory." He was in excellent spirits and delivered a magnificent address on "Science of Surgery." Dr. Williams spoke of the genuine pleasure it gave him to visit the college and said that he came not for the money nor honor, but to be of service to the young men that are to take up the profession of medicine. He spoke of the need of hospitals for the race in all parts of the United States. He was earnest and serious when he related how the white people are making places for colored people in their hospitals in separate parts for the practice of their young physicians, but showed how nicely the white man had planned to keep the colored physycian out. At Louisville, Ky., he said, the white people are erecting a million-dollar hospital, one wing for the white and the other for colored, with equal appointments. The white interne and physician will practice on the colored, but a colored physician or surgeon will not be allowed to enter.

It is time for us to consider this question and have hospitals of our own where our young men may be given every consideration to practice under tre guidance of practical physicians and surgeons.

Dr. Williams then took up the science of surgery and related all the new methods used in various operations, telling them he would demonstrate in the clinic. He urged the young men to make the most of their school career and made a strong plea for unity among physicians and surgeons. He paid a glowing tribute to Dr. George Hubbard, dean of Meharry Medical College. He spoke of his long and laborious service for the college and its wonderful influence on the race, stating that over 1,000 young men are now graduates from the school and are reflecting great honor and credit upon their Alma Mater.

Dr. F. A. Stewart delivered a stirring address, in which he spoke of the success made by graduates of the school and the high class work being done by its student body. Dr. R. F. Boyd, "the noblest Roman of them all," was also a speaker. Dr. Boyd is a member of the faculty, and has the interest of the school at heart and was the first to put down $100 for the erection of the new Hubbard hospital.

Dr. C. V. Roman, the orator of the Meharry faculty, enlivened the exercises by telling a story of being on the firing line. His were words of eloquence and wisdom, and Dr. Roman was frequently applauded. Dr. Houser, of Helena, Ark., Dr. L. N. Hill, of Atlanta, Ga., Dr. I. N. Carroll, of England, Ark., and Mr. Cary B. Lewis were among the other speakers.

After luncheon, the students of the junior and senior classes assembled in the operating room of Hubbard hospital for the clinic. Dr. Williams was there for a hernia operation. Dr. Stewart, a staff surgeon of the college, quizzed the body and then the operation was performed with skill and technique by the eminent Chicagoan. He explained every motion of the hand and knife and answered every question. Three other operations were performed the same afternoon. On the next morning there were two other hernia operations, and in the afternoon, three tumors were removed by Drs. Stewart McMillian and R. F. Boyd.

It was a surprise to Dr. Williams at the number of cases at the Hubbard hospital for operation. Doctors are here from Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, with cases of the most difficult sort for operation and treatment. The new Hubbard hospital has an ideal location. It is near the college; two stories; a large male and female ward and numerous private rooms. The operating room is very roomy, with all the modern conveniences for operating service, amphitheater in style.

There are 167 young men in the punior and senior classes who are taking advantage of the clinic. They come at 9 o'clock, remain until 12, return at 1 o'clock and stay until the clinic is dismissed.

In point of interest and enthusiasm, this year is exceeding past years of Dr. Williams' visit. He has more cases and they are of a more intricate nature. Drs. Stewart, Boyd, McMillian, Dean Hubbard, are greatly pleased with the first two days' work, which speaks volumes for the remainder.

Dr. Williams will be here until Saturday, arriving in Chicago the first of the following week. The white papers have spoken highly of Dr. Williams, and call him one of the noted surgeons of the race. The work for the remainder of the week and other items of interest will be published in next week's issue.

Tuesday night, Fisk Jubilee Singers will give a concert at one of the large tabernacles. It is expected to be the musical event of the season.

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Dr. Williams has been invited to dinner by a number of the prominent physicians, including Drs. Boyd, Stewart and Noel.

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Mr. Lewis will visit Fisk, Walden and Roger Williams Universities next week.

IN BBOWLING GREEN, KY.

Mr. Jarobe T. Taylor, of Louisville, Ky., Addresses the Business League.

(By Jos. F. Moyley.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Jacob L. Taylor, one of Louisville's most successful business men, addressed the Business League lat Thurday night at the Park City drug tore, which was indeed an entertaining lecture. Prof. Walter Shobe, one of the State Street faculty responded to the speaker, with much enthusiasm.....Rev. A. Williams, pastor of the Seventh Street Baptist church, was tendered a storm Wednesday night at 9:30, at his residence, 1119 South Park street. The table was filled with everything good for the family, such as flour, meal, coffee, sugar, preserves, canned fruits, beef, pickles, potatoes and money for the pastor. About thirty-five members and friends were present at the storm....A bright, little, laughing ten-pound baby girl was born at 6 p. m., Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. Houston Cox........Mrs. Lena aJckson, one of the State street publis school teachers, is sick at her home, 404 Kentucky street....The People's Forum will meet at the State Street Baptist church Sunday evening, February 11. The public is cordially invited....I very highly deem this a pleasure as well as a privilege in a moral sense of duty, to make known to the parents, of sin and devices that are being conducted by some of our citizens, business and private houses, which are holding outstretched arms for the young school boys and girls. They can be seen in these places late and early with villains who are seeking to brand them with disgrace. Often times these characters are seen standing on the corner like some Willie waiting for his prey. I have learned that drink is the attraction in these places, and many other vices, which I have not made known at this writing. I often think of the old saying, "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly behooves any of us to speak ill of the worst of us." I only call the attention of the parents of the tender ones that they may not fall into the hands of these villains, and be led astray. A move in time may save some boy or girl from a shameful disgrace.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

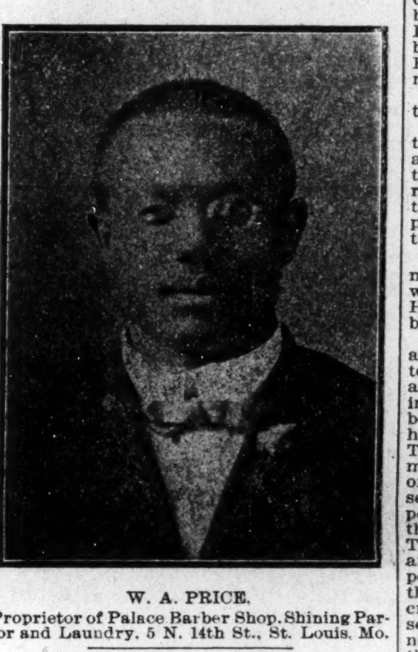
Have you heard that that man Jefferson will, after the first of the month, spend all his time working on Negro papers. Watch for his special rates for house to house delivery....Mrs. John Lange, 921 Park tvenue, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Phelix Payne, Wednesday, January 31. There were sixteen couple. The evening was spent in card playing. Lunch was served. Mrs. Payne was beautifully gowned....The A. N. D. Girls met at the home of Miss Hazel Bryant, 1406 East Sixteenth street, Thursday night, February 1....Pete Campbell, ex-special officer, is at Excelsior Springs and is getting along fine. It had been reported that he was dead....The police raided a policy game at 1914 Cherry, on February 1, and caught eight men and three women....Dr. J. T. Caster, grand master of the U. B. F. and S. M. T., was in Tennessee the past week on business....Officer John King was dropped from the force at the last meeting of the board Charges unknown....Wednesday, January 31, G. N. Grishin, principal of Lincoln high school, spoke at the Lincoln Boulevard Christian (white) church, to a crowded house. Subject, "The Work of the Betterment of the Negro."......Charley Sumner (white), secretary of the City Club, spoke at the Y. M. C. A., on single tax, and showed how the poor man would be benefited by it....The Intercity Institute, composed of teachers in the public schools, sang at the white Y. M. C. A.. Profs. Work, Masquirs, Reynolds and Hodge.....Mr. and Mrs. Otis Man, proprietors of the New Era hotel, 815 Magee street, will open a first-class hotel and cafe, at 706 East Twelfth street, in the near future. Strictly modern throughout. The Era will be remodeled, thus making two of the finest hotels in the West......Mrs. Charity Billingsley was brought here from Chicago for burial, on Thursday, February 1..Mrs. N. P. Jones, 2110 Vine street, the hair culturist, is confined to her bed with pneumonia...Homer Roberts has opened a first-class bar at Eighteenth and Woodland....Arthur Wollig's Original Rags, after a spell of sickness, is putting on a stock company at the Dixie theater, Independence and Troost avenues.

IN AND ABOUT PENSACOLA, FLA.

By Walker W. Thomas.

Of the Thomas News Bureau, 18 South Targonna Street, Phone 821.

The Republicans of Escambia county, assembled in mass meeting, make the following declaration: 1st, That the Republican convention held in Pensacola on January 22, 1912, was among other things, the most outrageous and oppressive body of men ever assembled in this county. 2d, This convention was regularly called, pursuant to an order of the state organization to select delegates to the February state and congressional conventions, but in their efforts to do so, they openly violated every rule of parliamentary law, in that no motions or amendments to motions were entertained by the presiding officer, except from a few men, who had manifestly conspired to cheat and rob the great majority of the convention, and the wishes of the masses of the Republicans of the county out of their rights and privileges justly due American citizens and loyal men of the grand old party. 3rd, The conspirators of this high handed political oppression had several policemen and deputy sheriffs at the door and on the floor of the convention, not to preserve order, for there never was a more orderly class of men ever met in the city, but these officers were there more to intimidate and frighten into subjection members of the convention who were inclined to oppose the daring and outrageous rulings of the president. 4th, We believe we are justified to meet in mass meeting, express our grievances and elect delegates to represent our cause before the state and congressional bodies of the Republican party. Therefore it is the sense of this mass meeting that we proceed at once to elect delegates to the state and congressional conventions which meet in Palatka, February 6, 1912. We endorse the Republican state organization and believe that it is in accord with a just representation of the wishes of the masses of Republicans in all sections of the tate. Committee on resolutions, T. S. Grice, M. S. White, S. S. Mosses, J. T. Spann, W J. Bennett, A. Lucas, J. F. Frazzar, R. T. Thomas, Philip Catlett, J F. Frear, J. H. Simpson, A. J. Miller and M. M. Lewey....Mr. Emmett McRae and Miss Alice Marbrey were quietly married last Saturday night. Their many friends wish them a long and happy married life....Mrs. Phoedle Alexander has been on the sick list. Her many friends are glad to learn of her improvement....Mrs. Lydia Willis has been on the sick list. Her many friends are glad to see her out again....Mrs. Mary E. Thomas is comewhat improved, but she is still confined to her room.....Miss Nellie Fernandez and Mr. Raymond Dorsey were quietly married last week. Their many friends wish them a long and happy married life....Mrs. Harry McDuffey was called to Chicago, Ill., last week on account of the illness of her mother. Her many friends here wish her a speedy recovery..Mr. oJhn Moulton, who has been out of the city for the past few days, returned home last week. His many friends are glad to see him back....A reception was given last week at Mt. Mariah church in honor of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Sewell, pastor. Quite a large number attended and had a very delightful time..A grand musical concert was given by Mrs. Mary E. Claibone last Monday night at the K. of P. hall. It was quite a success, and many wish to see it repeated....In honor of Mrs. H. G. Williams, Mrs. J. E. Sheppard gave a tackey party at her beautiful home on North DeViller street Quite a large number of friends were in attendance and all reported a very delightful time. Delicious refreshments were served to the guests....This year's baseball season will be a promising one. I wish some one would take a step as soon as possible ....Mrs. Carrie Marberry returned home last week from New York, on a short visit. She is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Patsie Robinson, on the Bay shore..... Miss Eulise Allen has been on the sick list and her many friends are glad to see her out again....Mr. Caesar Lewis, assistant correspondent for The Freeman, returned last week from Greenville, Ala. He reported a very delightful time while in the Alabama city....Miss Mamie Chandler has been on the sick list. Her many friends are glad to see her out again.... Several visitors from the North will be here to attend the carnival, which will be here on February 19-20....The February Crisis has arrived and anyone who wishes the same may purchase it from the Thomas News Bureau, 18 South Tarrgonia street. If any one wishes me to mail them one, they may have the same by sending me 11 cents in stamps. Walker Wilmer Thomas, agent..Miss Lee Dresser Huff delightfully entertained a few of her friends at her beautiful home on North J street last week. Quite a large number of the younger set was present and an enjoyable evening was spent. Dainty refreshments were served to the guests, who reported a very delightful evening....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas delightfully entertained at an afternoon supper at their beautiful home on West Belmont street. Quite a large number of friends was in attendance and all reported a very delightful evening..The local lodge of Elks, No. 141, B. P. O. of E. W., has been reported to be progressing rapidly. They have 33 candidates and are expecting a larger number soon....Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, of West Gadsden street, gave a supper last week in honor of Miss Maggie Gillyard, of New Orleans, La. A six-course dinner was served to the guests, who were Miss Gillyard, Miss Vermor Scott, Mr. John Grace, Mr. Wytt West and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones....It seems that so many people are afraid to have their social news published in The Freeman. If you will notify the local agent, he will be glad to write up all of your notes....Mr. Henry Prune, one of the city's most prominent young men, succeeds Mr. M. Jacoby, manager of the Belmont theater, as ticket collector....Don't forget to report all of your news to the Thomas News Bureau, 18 South Tarrgonia street, phone 821. Walker Wilmer Thomas, proprietor.



W. A. PRICE.
Proprietor of Palace Barber Shop, Shining Parlor and Laundry, 5 N. 14th St., St. Louis, Mo.

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

True Heart Tabernacle will meet Monday evening, February 12....Mrs. Keith is still on the sick list....Mr. Bailey, of Indianapolis, who is stopping at the Pekin, has recovered....Miss Lafonce Patterson is on the sick list....Mr. Daniel Kelley, Jr., gave a 6 o'clock supper for his young friends on Sunday, February 4, at his home, the Pekin Hotel, in South Walnut street....Mr. Philip Herd and Mr. Elmer Fox have returned from Dark county, Ohio, where they visited friends. ....Mr. Charles Fossit spent Sunday in Anderson....Look out for the Smart Set. ....Miss M. G. Evans arrived in Muncie, Saturday, February 3. She is stopping at the Pekin Hotel. Her greatest motive here is to assist in the revival during the week at the Methodist Church. Her subject on Sunday morning will be "Touching Jesus;" subject at night, "The Hour of Decision." Miss Evans was a student at Wilberforce University. She has proven to be an eloquent speaker....Mrs. Artie B. Smith, of Covington, Ky., is in the city, assisting Rev. Carpenter, of the Trinity M. E. Church in a revival meeting....One of the prettiest and most unique affairs of the season was the stag banquet given by the Royal Knights of Festivities, Monday night, at the banquet hall of the Favorite Ice Cream Parlors. The rooms were beautifully decorated in keeping with the affair, which lasted until the "wee small hours of the night." Games and music were the features, Douglas Walker winning first prize, Charley Scott and Herschel See tying for the booby prize. Those present were: Robert Jones, Ivan Ayers, William Bennett, Charley Scott, John Jenkins, Charley Brown, Blaine Abbey, Frank Poindexter, Frank Carver, James Jenkins, Forrest Jenkins, Maury Robbins, Waldo Rider, Moses Brookins, William White, John White, Charley Evans, Roy Nash, Willis Burden, Bud Valentine, Herschel See, Richard Davis, Douglas Walker and Marsh McCray. The Knights voted to hold their next monthly banquet at the Favorite because of the fine treatment received at the hands of the able and excellent managers of that popular little place, Mr. Douglas Walker and Mr. Marsh McCray, and wish them unlimited success in all their undertakings.

MT. VERNON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Elizabeth Copeland left February 6 for Roswell, N. M....Household of Ruth 568 will give a female minstrel show February 16, at the K. of P. Armory....Mrs. Annie Latherns Guy, wife of Mr. Geo. Guy, departed this life February 3, at 9:30 p. m., at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Latherns, Mansfield avenue, of rheumatism of the heart, after an illness of six months. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, mother and father, three brothers, Clarence and Harry, of this city, and Clyde Latherns, of Columbus, O., and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services from the residence, February 6, Rev. Thomas, of Zanesville, officiating. Interment in Moundview....Calvary Baptist Church: Rev. A. A. Hampton, pastor; Sunday school at 9 a. m.; Mr. Chas. Blake, superintendent; communion services at 10:30; preaching at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. The board of deacons, at their last meeting, reported that the church and Sewing Circle had raised $2,000 last year. Mr. Frank Stevens is chairman of the board....Miss Inabell Guy and Mrs. Annie Prichard, of Zanesville, sisters of Mr. Geo. Guy, attended the funeral of Mrs. Annie Guy....Wayman Chapel A. M. E. Church: Rev. John Colman, pastor; Sunday school at 9 a. m.; Mr. A. H. Simmons, superintendent; love feast at 10:30 a. m.; communion services at 3 p. m., conducted by Rev. Dr. J. H. Jones, P. E.; Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m.; Mr. G. Simons, leader; preaching at 7 p. m. by Rev. Jones, from St. Mark x:6, to a large and interested congregation. Monday, February 5, was second quarterly conference. Rev. Jones is a candidate for bishop.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Ed Williams, 1001 Stoughton street, Urbana, has been ill, but has improved....Miss Viola King, of Muscogee, Okla., is here visiting Miss Alice Lee and Miss Mildred Brown....Mrs. Green, of Madisonville, Ky., is here visiting Mrs. P. D. Lunsford....Miss Nellie Merrill visited Mrs. C. E. Phillips in Monticello, Ill., Sunday, February 4....The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. oJseph Nelson, of Urbana, died Tuesday, January 30.......The Freeman can be secured through Z. L. Breedlove, 109 North Champaign street, for $1.00 per year until Februar 29th. Your subscription will be appreciated....Mrs. Frank Martin, of Urbana, and Mrs. Carter, of Champaign, gave a leap year party for Miss Ida Carter, of Cairo, Ill., Thursday, February 1....Mrs. E. C. Goode, formerly of New York, has opened up a manicuring and chiropodist parlor in the First National Bank building, Champaign....There was a girl born to Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin, Sunday evening, February 4....Mrs. Arthur Moss has returned from visiting her sister in Broadlands, Ill.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., THE FURNITURE CITY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. La Mott Jones and son Charles left Saturday for Los Angeles, Cal....Mr. B. T. Washington will be in the city February 12 to speak at the Lincoln Club banquet. Arrangements have been made for the colored people to greet him at the city hall at 3 p. m. sharp...Mr. Morris Tucker has been moved to the hospital....The stewardess board will give a program and pink tea at Woodmen's Hall February 29....Mr. Daniel Lampkins was confined to his home the past week with an attack of tonsilitis. Scott Huso, Boyd Wallace and Rufus Hyatt left last week for Hot Springs, Ark....The Right Thinking Afro-American Literary Society of Arnett chapel meets every Friday at 8 p. m. The subject for February 16 is a debate, "Resolved, That Amalgamation Will Solve the Race Problem."....Mrs. Lena Milton is sick at her home on Central avenue.

EASTERN THEATRICAL NOTES.

By Billy E. Jones.

Thornton & Long, the two comics, report great success with "Mammy's Shuffling Dance," which they are compelled to respond to repeated encores. Now playing at Lyric Theater, Wilmington, N. C., this week.

Charlie Hart, of Avery and Hart, continues to score heavily with "Lord Have Mercy on a Married Man," which he interprets in his iniimitable manner to half a dozen encores at each performance.

Billy E. Jones, singing comedian, late of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, who has been featuring the big song hits at the Lincoln Theater, Washington, D. C., has been scoring a big success with "Chicken Rag" and "Another Rag" and "Ida," his reature song hit.

The Sambo Girls at the Colonial Theater, New York, this week.

At the Howard Theater last week on the bill were Brown and Brown, a man and a woman. They were pleasing entertainers. The woman scored a hit with ragtime violin. If her costume was as attractive as her feature song, which she put over so nicely, she would have quintetted her success.

Alonzo Moore, the well-known colored magician and sleight-of-hand performer, was a big drawing card on the bill at the Howard Theater last week and one of the best colored acts of its kind on the road.

To all performers Mr. R. Thomas, manager of the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., wishes to state that he treats all performers alike and always is willing to give them a fair deal. There have been performers playing this house who have misrepresented and also accuse Mr. Thomas of unfair means in deducting money from their salary, when the truth of it is they did not make good and consequently Mr. Thomas is the loser, as the people who attend theaters will not pay their money to see a poor show. Mr. Thomas, since taking charge of the Howard Theater, has tried hard to give the people their money's worth by engaging the best colored acts in vaudeville. Due credit should be given him. Performers seeking engagements at this house should not ask a large salary when they know themselves they have worked cheaper in other houses, and have been glad to get a dollar. Actors from New York should take notice of this statement. Mr. Thomas is for the people and will not tolerate any nonsense. He is for business only.

Plans are now being drawn for a large music publishing house to cost $10,000 for the benefit of colored song writers and composers at Washington, D. C., where they will get their compositions on the market and receive the credit for them. Some of the leading songs are on the market today that have been sold for $1 to white publishers in New York City, and they have been benefited to many thousands of dollars and also receive the credit as composer of these songs. Now you see the necessity of a colored music publishing house. All those desiring to take shares in the above named company please communicate with James Miller, 1923 Eighth street, manager. The officers are: Will Gibbs, president; Mr. Wm. Jones, vice-president; Walter Williams, treasurer and assistant manager; Prof. James E. Miller, general manager; Dave Washington, secretary.

Miss Emma Skinner, new to theatergoers of Washington, appeared at the Howard Theater last week. Emma Skinner had the honor of winning out, and rightl yshe deserved it—clean, sweet, unpretentious and an act that is so original. Her opening number, "Mississippi Splash," won for her immediate applause, and her line of talk was a laugh from start to finish. There are not many colored women in vaudeville who could do the same line of work as Miss Skinner and make good, as she has a fine delivery, both in songs and her talk. She is an actress and also is a valuable assistant to Alonzo Moore, the magician, whom she joined hands with last week.

The Cubanola Trio, three women, appeared at the Howard Theater last week. Their opening number, "Mexico," followed by "Texas Tommy Dance" and an Indian number which brought forth much applause. One of the women possesses a voice more suitable for a big chorus, as she does not fail to let the audience know she is singing, consequently the other two with weaker voices have a hard pace to travel. The act was well liked.

The picture machine was not stolen from the Lincoln Theater at Washington, but was taken by parties interested in the theater. The theater was closed on account of the severe cold weather and will open soon under new management, to be announced later.

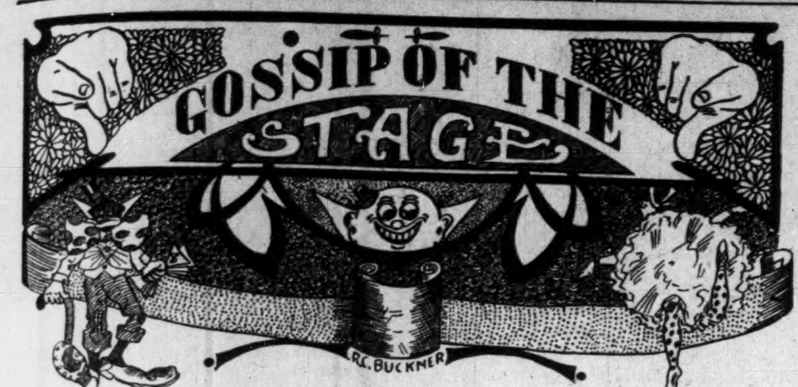
Alonzo Moore this week at Crescent Theater, New York, with Daly's Baltimore, to follow; then Washington.

Miss Nichols made a good impression with her songs at the Howard Theater last week. Her first number, "Carissama," was well sung, which shows she must have had some musical training. I don't know where Miss Nichols hails from, but I certainly like to hear her sing "Carissama," as I am a singer myself and I know singing when I hear it. She sang a descriptive number as the second then "Bleeding Moon," closing a neat but good singing specialty. Wish you success, Miss Nichols.

Joe Sandifer and Ora Criswell are still holding the Washington audiences spellbound. aWtch this team grow. Ora still has the same pipes that she had when she landed at Robert Motts' Pekin Theater, Chicago, when she was in the Man from Bam. Joe Sandifer, her partner, is the cleverest comedian that has ever walked down to the footlights. They both send regards to all knockers. Watch this team grow. Now playing at the Fairyland Theater, Washington, D. C., to crowded houses. The manager states this is the best team he has had in years.

POSITION WANTED—By a young lady to play the piano. Sight reader and transposer. Address, Miss M. Coles, 500 Germantown street, Dayton, O.

GOSSIP OF THE STAGE



J. B. Norton, the singing and talking comedian and producer, is still in Helena, Ark.

Look out for Dudley. You can bet that you can'et see anything better than the Smart Set.

The two Southerners, Johnson and Johnson, are still at the Queen Theater, Wilmington, N. C.

The Belmont Theater, Pensacola, Fla., is said to be the prettiest and best equipped in the South.

Thornton and Long are in their second week of success at the Lyric Theater, Wilmington, N. C.

Florence McClain, with Frank Montgomery's Dixie Players, makiñg it fine. Her versatility is notable.

McDaniel and McDaniel would like to hear from J. Lester McDaniel. Write 1912 Avenue C, Birmnigham, Ala.

At the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, this week Fields and Fisher, Morton and Johnson, Claude Winfrey and the Carter Trio.

Frank Montgomery with his Dixie Players will open at the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., week of February 12.

Hottest Coon in Dixie Co. in Indianapolis last week en route to Shelbyville, Ind. At Laporte week of 12th. Company now consists of twenty-two members.

The Hottest Coon in Dixie Company playing Indiana towns, seems to be doing well notwithstanding the fact that two or three members have stopped off in Indianapolis.

La She has retired from the stage as a wire performer. He will open his show in September. He will use his right name in the future, which is J. H. Lauchie. Now at Bay City, Mich.

'Tis said that politics makes strange bedfellows. So' do theatricals. The latest: Sylvester Russell and S. H. Dudley hobnobbing after their late unpleasantness. Can you beat it?

Claud Winfrey, popular black-face comedian, headlines one of the best bills seen at the Crown Garden for several weeks. Winfrey is an Indianapolis favorite, becoming so by his clever work.

Miss Lulu Jackson, after closing a successful season with the Sunny Dixie Minstrels, on account of illness is now at the Perry Sanitarium, of Kansas City, Mo., and reports that she is doing nicely.

Eddie E. Daye, contortionist, is now in Atlanta, Ga., taking a much needed rest, after forty-eight weeks of hard work. Those who wish to write him can address him at 215 Auburn avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

The young highwayman who looted Alonzo Moore, the magician, when doing his money trick at Washington, evidently thought he could gather himself some more, right out of the air, where he got the other.

At New Circle Theater, Philadelphia, week of February 5, Regusters and Washington, singing and dancing, talking; Wilson and Buster, premier comedy acrobats; Martin and Motley, Pittsburgh favorites, singing and talking; Princess Santonki, closed with Hindoo magic. All went big.

It is rumored that the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, will shut down in the near future for improvements. A balcony, boxes, new chairs are the features mentioned. A first-class playhouse is promised in event all goes well. Tim E. Owsley will be the manager.

Baby Jim played at the Auditorium Theater, Philadelphia, last week and scored nicely and drew large crowds. His manager, Cress Simmons, has booked him at the Crescent Theater, New York City, for week of February 12. They are breaking in some new jokes and soon will have a neat little talking act.

Susie Sutton, the versatile comedienne, closed a seven weeks' engagement at Jacksonville, Fla., February 12. She will rest for a week, opening at Key West February 12. This is Miss Sutton's first trip through the Southland, and she has been well received and met with success in each city that she has played.

Allie Young and Walter Jackson, of the Hottest Coon in Dixie Company, are spending a week in the city, then they will go to Chicago, Ill., where both will do some vaudeville work. Young has a slack wire act that is second to none in the profession, while Mr. Jackson is an eccentric song and dance artist.

Alonzo Moore, magician, had one more experience at the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C. Moore says that he has played before every nation in the world, but his Washington experience caps the climax. He was going through the audience gathering money right and left according to the trick. As usual he gave the gentleman of whom he borrowed the hat his hat containing the money that he might count it in the presence of the audience. Just then a bunch of young men made a dive for the hat, tore the rim off, spilling the money on the floor, which was real money. In the mixup several dollars were lost. Alonzo very much suspects that they found their way to the pockets of the nice-looking highwayman. But he don't care. He's getting the money this week in New York City. Next week, Baltimore.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Seen and Heard While Passing by Geo. E. Bundy.

After reading Mr. Whitney's article in your last issue, entitled, "Critics and Criticisms," I write the following: It is plainly seen Mr. Whitney has dubbed "the critic" a jealous would-be, a miserable failure, envious of the successful artist, one who brings his personal grievances in for ettlement.

That might have been in olden times, but the theatrical critic of today can't be confounded with such, for we owe our present high standard of drama, musical comedy, vaudeville, variety, etc., to the theatrical critic who not only keeps the actors from laziness but educates the public.

A few years ago "Chicot," critic of the New York Telegraph and other papers, severely attacked every carelessless of theatricals. He was the authority and acts were at once improved. Many musical comedies, after Chicot's review, were reproduced and became financial successes. Burlesque, too, took a jump and became more like musical extravaganzas. Producers, too, got busy, and tried to outshine each other, which results in perfection today.

I don't know who Mr. Tutt, or rather, Whitney, has in mind when he writes. Critics and Criticism. I have witnessed his entertainments since his concert company, "The ExMinister to Hayti" act to the Smart Set of today, and can say his productions have been grand; he should fear nothing. Still if some minor defect was pointed out in his arrangement he should apreciate it.

The theatrical critic's place is in front. You can't see the show in back (on stage in Flys or wings) so it is not necessary to be a stage carpenter or scene shifter to discover weak performers. Any non-professional that has read a book or witnessed a death can readily tell if bad acting is in evidence, and if the performer is reading or reciting his lines, or if the supposed dead party is making the scene ridiculous. Lest we forget again I hold the present high standard in theatricals was only brought to bear through theatrical critics, and I don't think the statements offered by Mr. Whitney, of "Goethe" "Disraeli," "Holmes" and others can be excepted in the ruling of the present day theatrical critics. Your very truly, Geo. E. Bundy, Philadelphia, Pa.

CROWN GARDEN.

Tim E. Owsley, Manager.

The Crown Garden offers one of the best shows seen since the first week in the new year. Every act this week is a feature and every performer a star. The attendance however is very poor owing to the continuation of the zero weather. Nevertheless those that do attend, are awarded with a No. 1 show and plenty of good music, which serves to help one for get the bad weather. The one big noise on the bill this week is Mr. Claude Winfrey. Mr. Winfrey is a clever monologuist, some funny dancer and a good singer and a natural born comedian. His style of comedy is different from any we've seen, and much above the average vaudeville funny man. Mr. Winfrey can make one laugh and really enjoy it. The Carter Trio is another good act. The Trio consists of two women and one man. Young Miss Carter in the trio is some dancer, and the Crown patrons never tire of her efforts in the same. Mrs. Carter is a very clever talker and a nice singer. Her song was well received. Mr. Carter produces the fun for this act and in doing so he shows his ability as an actor. He does a double character. His old man character is a scream. While the act Mr. Carter is giving us has been seen here some weeks ago presented by the Wilson Trio, Mr. Carter has shown in the production of his act, that he is the original originator. Morton and Johnson offer a clean, clever, classy act. Mr. Morton sings well, looks good and dresses swell. While his new partner, Miss Johnson is equally as clever in her talking song and smart dressing. Had I not known that this act was a new one, just put together, I really could not have told it. And I know the audience showed that they could not tell it from the way they enjoyed it. Mr. Baby F. Seals and Baby Fisher, as they usually do, handed out another new laugh in a fifteen-minute skit. Mr. Seals, as a low comedian, is as good as the average comedian, and his little wife, Baby Fisher, is a clever, dainty soubrette. As a whole, the show is good from start to finish. The music, which is very essential to any show, has got 'em this week, in big leltters. The orchestra is now as good as any in town, considering the number of pieces used. Prof. W. A. Kelly dishes out the goods and is ably assisted by such clever artists as J. W. Grey, piano; Mr. Clay, cornet;. Mr. Cal Jones, trombone, late of the Walker theater orchestra, and Mr. Truly, whom we find was a very much needed help in the way of trap drumming. With good shows and good music we see no other reason, that is, when the weather man gets through, that the crowds will be the same at the Crown as in the good old summer time. K. E. C.

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THE BELMONT STREET THEATER, PENSACOLA, FLA.

(By Walker W. Thomas, of the Thomas News Bureau, 418 South Tarrgonna Street. Phone 821.)

One of the finest productions ever put on by colored people is at the Belmont Stret theater this week. This play, "The Gypsy Prince," was written by L. Don. Bradford and Billy Cross, and staged by Billy Cross. The play opens with twenty people in the chorus. Blacksmith's anvils, illuminated with electricity; when hammer strikes, fire flies. The opening chorus was ten minutes long and was "The Old Anvil," by Cross and Bradford. Next is Billy Cross, comedian, as Snow Ball, which is a roar of laughter for twenty minutes. Next Mrs. May Ransom, as Luella, the Egyptian princess, who deserves much credit for her translation of the Egyptian tongue. The business of Luella and Snow Ball is the cream of the play. Next, Tarzona, the Egyptian leader, Al. Stuart, who does his act splendidly. Here the handkerchiefs go to the eyes of most all in the audience. Next, a roar of laughter from Luella and Snow Ball. Next, the Egyptian Tambourine dancing girls, fifteen minutes of a solid tambourine dance by four Egyptian girls, led by Mittie Bradford, all of whom dress in real gypsy style. Next, Col. Carl, the villain, who tries to kill the princess, but she is saved by Snow Ball, who goes through the big dam of fire, with electrical effects.

Act II.

"Behold the Prince of Oriole," full chorus; words and music by L. Don. Bradford and Billy Cross. "The Prince and Bell of Oriole," full chorus. The prince appears and is crowned. Laura Smith, as the girl of the tribe which brings unspeakable laughter. The villain, Col. Carl, whom Snow Ball fears. The big hit, Jim Ransom, as Big Chief Clear Sky, which brings about tears and plenty of fun. "The Bleeding Moon," from Mr. Bob Russell's "Southern Life." Col. Carl plans with Indians. Lulla and Tarzona are tied to the stake. Indian War dance. Egyptian solo, by Vergie Deo. Saved by Snow Ball. (Curtain.)

Cast of Characters.

Snow Ball, afterwards prince..Billy Cross
Lulla, the princess....Mrs. May Ransom
Big Chief Clear Sky.........Jim Ransom
Egyptian Dancer....Mrs. Mittie Bradford
Egyptian Leader (Tarzona)....Al Stuart
Spanish Dancer.........Miss Laura Smith
Col. Carl, villain..........L. Don. Bradford
Gypsy Nightingale......Miss Vergie Deo
The Gypsy Maid....Miss Emma Fredrick
A Maid of Pleasure..Miss Baby Doll eta
A Maid of Pleasure..................
.............Miss Baby Doll Singleton
The Fortune Teller..Miss Susie Hawthorn
and ten chorus workers.

There is a slight suspicion in the air that The Freeman will get out a special baseball number at a date not far distant.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC

CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

THE DUDLEY COLORED THEATER SYNDICATE PROJECT AS A PROBLEMATICAL DISCUSSION.

John R. Thomas, of Indianapolis, write a letter to the dramatic editor of The Freeman, published last week, appertaining to the new proposed colored theater syndicate. Its all well enough to hand over a bouquet to Dudley before he has done anything and to speak of his great, as yet unknown, ability as a business man and the offer of his services and his money tied to the bouquet by a pink ribbon tape of notoriety. With all due respect for Dudley and without throwing one stone in his way, for he has already offered me a fat job at the Chicago end of the project, if it ever comes off, he has first to convince us of three things. Firstly, that an all colored syndicate or owners, managers and performers can be made available by proof, after the money is proffered and before its being applied toward any other purpose. Secondly, that Dudley must prove that he is not cheap in his efforts to handle men of his race who are his superiors in business ability, tact, educational qualifications and ready wit as essentials to success. Thirdly, that he is sincere by first raising the money, which he estimates at $500,000, and successfully forming an incorporated company with trustee stockholders to act as an official board of directors in adopting a business system that can offer a fundamental basis of operation and not a lot of red tape seen only in the newspapers for the sake of personal notoriety. Now if Dudley can prove these first three essentials he will be doing wonders and will win favor. I say this because personally, to my knowing, he has passed up at least one very valuable man entirely too cheaply. So far as I am concerned Dudley must first demonstrate before I would endorse him as a press agent or accept of any job at his own terms. It is not because Dudley is a stage star that he will be looked up to in this project at all. Far from it. Personally he cuts no ice. He must show us that he is a big, brainy fellow by swinging the wheel and then spinning it, and if not, to appoint a man after raising the money, who has the ability and to pay him for his hire. Now we don't care to hear any more from Dudley and his flatterers until we can hear of the money being pledged, by proof, which The Freeman will publish by evidence as authority. While I disagree with Mr. Dudley on the "all colored" end of the proposition, this should not affect the forming of the syndicate by all colored men. Theaters are commercial enterprises and are therefore never totally patronized by either white or colored except in remote parts of the South, where the conditions are different and financially limited. In disagreeing with Dudley along the lines of "all colored" I have in view the situation right in Chicago, and I will relate it in full truthfully and unbiased. It will be remembered that when Robert T. Motts changed the policy of the Pekin Theater by putting in white vaudeville performres the colored people patronized the house just the same, and colored performers were shut partly out. And outside of musical comedy they did not offer either a variety or acts enough to keep the house supplied. When the new Grand opened Manager Duke Brennen only maintained the same policy that Mr. Motts did, but the cry went up that there were no colored acts on the bill. I criticized the house as I had done at the Pekin and made bad friends. But in both cases the white manager and the black manager were made to see that in each instance I was right and did the houses each a favor by what I had written at different times. Poor management is what demoralizes a colored theater. The administratrix of the Motts estate, while in litigation, has not been helpful to the future of the theater. Where good colored performers did not always get all their money the white performers who just played there, I understand, did. At the Grand and Monogram they always get their money and the very weakest thing in the project would be to cluster dead houses or place the actors in a position where they would feel uncertain about getting their money. The only available system I can see at present in a colored theater alliance is as I have expressed it before, that the white man's successful colored theater, in the colored districts and the black man's successful theater should link either as a booking alliance or a mixed race syndicate. In this the black promoters and colored actors would thrive just the same, as they are all out only for the money.

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Lottie Grady Dazzles in Splendor at the Monogram.

The famous Pekin beauty, Miss Lottie Grady, made her first appearance this season at the Monogram Monday evening and met with a hearty reception. Her heaviest number was the medley in the finale, which completely captivated, but her other songs were good and would have went better without a special pianist. Her white silk costume embroidered with a flowered lace was a dream. The Russells, in a new act, was the funniest thing on the bill, but Mrs. Russell does not know that referring to a musician is illegitimate, excepting when an artist has stage business with the leader. The Arnties in a good act of southern flavor were well received. Billy Arntie is a good comedian, as was shown in one of his singing specialties. Johnson & Roper returned still popular in new songs and dancing. Spooning in a twilight shadow scene seemed to please immensely. The music, as would naturally be expected with the proficiency of Dorsey and Reeves, was very good.

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Billy Windom at the New Grand Theater.

It must be years ago, but it seems like yesterday, when William H. Windom was a tenor singer and a shining star with Primrose & West's Minstrels. Our Billy, who with the late Gussie L. Davis was the author of the "Fatal Wedding," appeared on the Grand stage Monday night as a black-faced nurse girl and fairly electrified his audience as in days gone by, but it is pathetic to relate that he did not sing as the sprinkling of old-time friends had expected him to do when they applauded him on his entrance and finish. Jerome and Lewis took three encores, Dick Lewis being in excellent voice. Of the white performers Nellie Andrews and her opera company was fair. Her singing of "My Hero" showed her to be a mezzo artist with a voice of some color and training. Terry and Elmer were clever, especially in their dancing, and Lamb's artificial actors on a minature stage was a decided novelty. "The Strike Breakers, Mutt and Jeff" were good pictures. The stars of the last half of last week were The Era Comedy Four, Marrs, Spencer, Pool and Billy Brown, fresh from his honeymoon, and the very funniest colored comedian yet seen for extemporaneous original work. Fred Rogers and Stella Wiley continued popular throughout the week. Of the white performers Harry Le Clair, the famous female burlesque actor, was a revelation to those who had never seen him before, so great has he long since matured as an artist. The Lojo troupe of acrobats were unexcelled in their sensational and daring feats, and Chas. Weber, a comedy juggler, completed the bill. The playing of the orchestra on Monday night was pretty good.

"Since You Called Me Dearie" Sang at the Phoenix.

The singing of Hattie May Patten was a feature at this house. The picture photo plays included "Too Much Realism" and "A Reformed Santa Clause." The trap drummer at this house bursted his base drum at the opening performance.

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I. Morgan Prince informs me that the Prince House has been enlarged owing to increasing patronage.

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Wilbur C. Sweatman is reported to have made good in his clarinet specialty in New England, where he has been playing oer the Eastern vaudeville circuit.

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Miss Mabel Gant, who has been ill in Philadelphia, arrived in Chicago last week much improved in health. She was noncommital regarding her plans for the present.

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George Ross, operator at the Monogram, who has held the position for two years, seems to be always improving in the results of his pictures and color effects, so much so that early audiences are increasing.

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J. R. Manning, bass singe r of the Giant Quartet, has arrived in town from the northwest and Canada. The quartett, which consists of C. E. Williams, Thomas Graves, C. Turner and J. R. Manning, will start at once over the Webster circuit to Parker, N. D., with the Fisher and Bert Levy circuits to follow.

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Charles McKenzie, the Chinese character actor, late of the Happy Four Quartett, left last Sunday for Washington, D. C., to open at the Howard Theater in a single specialty.

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W. R. Carter, of the Carolina Jubilee Singers, who has been ill for the past week, is out again. Messrs. Carter, Douglass, Outley, Silas Frazier and the ladies will leave February 18 for an eastern trip to open at Pittsburg, Pa. Mrs. Frazier and her sister looked after Mr. Arthur Brown, husband of Anita Patti Brown, during his recent illness.

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Jacob B. Nelson, a writer manager in a small way, but the man who gave Jesse A. Shipp his first inspiration to write Abyssinia, is ill with acute rheumatism and is now at the couty hospital for treatment.

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Clarence oJnes, pianist and leader at the LaVerdo Cafe, is out with a new song, "Wise Old Moon," which he has placed with the Blood-Hinkley Music Company. Mr. oJnes, who is popular and a very promising musician, has lately been discovered to be quite a master of harmony on the piano, a theme which most always invites the approach of genius. He is also a good arranger.

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I am in receipt of William Edgar Easton's book tragedy drama, which he sent me from 'Frisco last month. The title of the play is "Christopher." After I have read the play I will probably comment on its value. Although I have given up reviewing book dramas, I understand that Henrietta Vinton Davis is to produce the play in New York on her arrival from Bermuda, so I may comment upon it.

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The prize masquerade ball and midnight vaudeville show of the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association, which will take place at the Manhattan Casino, New York City, Thursday evening, February 15, promises to be a tremendous affair. Some of the prominent officers are Anthony D. Byrd, Frank Clermonto, Lester A. Walton, William Barker, Leon A. Williams, Robert A. Kelley, Nicholas Spratley, Andrew A. Copeland, Sidney Helm and J. Harry Jackson. Don't forget next Thursday. Let all C. V. B. A. friends be present to the only actor organization that actually cares for its sick and burys its dead by practice.

The King of Ardor.

A love-lore song, that poets sing,
Is the King of Ardor, on airy wing.
Whose lyric had captured the heart of one
Who was unaware till love begun.

There is no proxy, where is king,
For passion is empty, if anything.
And the soul that falsely disclaims true love
Has an aching heart to offer above.

Love has no time to jolly or pout,
Save drifting together to love it out,
For love which scopes the world around
Is the King of Ardor's hunting ground.
—Sylvester Russell.

THE PEKIN, CINCINNATI, O.

The offerings at the Pekin this week are all new and of a high-class order. Miss Sadie Crockett, a real Cincy product, opened the card with a very clever turn. This is the first opportunity that her large number of schoolmates and friends have had to see the little Walnut Hills lady work, and she more than made good. Her childish costumes are beautiful and very attractive. She sings a couple of pretty songs, does a neat dance, and has a very catchy monologue. Miss Crockett gave evidence of a very brilliant future. Billy Mills and Aggie Tansel, a new team here, scored a record-breaker. This team can easily be classed among the best, having played over this time. Miss Tansel has a pretty contralto voice, and was compelled to respond to several encores at each show, when she sang "That Chicken Reel." Billy Mills caught the crowds at the beginning, and he had no trouble from that time on. We don't care to make an exaggerated predictions, but we would suggest that managers seeking a high-class comedian would do well to look up this young amn, as he is very clever.

Miss Bessie Hocker has succeeded Miss Jannie Troy as illustrated picture singer at the Pekin. She gave general satisfaction.

A number of well-known performers are finding work around this city at present. Minstrel Morris is at the Music Hall, Newport, Ky. Gus Simmons is working in Covington, and Billy Caldwell and Maud Berry are rehearsing a new act for several weeks' booking ahead.

The Gaither Theater building will be converted into a pool room, is the latest information.

The Pekin gives a matinee every afternoon, of pictures only; three good reels and the Pekin orchestra are the features.

Miss Lucy Shepherd was a caller at the Pekin office a few days ago, looking well, and sends best regards to all of her friends.

COLUMBUS, KY.

SPECIAL TO THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Green Brown died last Thursday night and was buried last Saturday. He was an aged citizen. He leaves daughters, sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss....Master Buford Williams spent several days at Clinton, Ky. He took the county students' examination and made a general average of 74 per cent....The Columbus graded school is preparing a program for the close, on the 20th of February....Mrs. Lula Bondgiln made a flying visit to Columbus, Ky., and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Montgomery....Mr. Thomas Starks is doing good business in the barbor shop. He is also an agent for the best tailoring company in Chicago, Ill.

Advertisers, write us at once concerning space in our annual spring number and baseball edition of The Freeman.

ROUTE.

"HOTTEST COON IN DIXIE"—Alex. Wheeler, Mgr.—Laporte, Ind., week of Feb. 10.
LOWERY AND MORGAN MINSTRELS. New London, Mo., Feb. 10; Macon, 11; Shelbina, 14; Macomb, Ill., 15; Bushnell, 16; Canton, 17.
J. LUBRIE HILL, In "My Friend From Dixie"—Youngstown, O., Feb. 12, 13, 14; Akron, 15, 16, 17.
RICHARD & PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS.—Miami, Ariz., Feb. 12; Pima, 13; Thatcher, 14; Safford, 15; Clifton, 16; Morenci, 17 Deming, N. M., 18; El Paso, Tex., 19, 20, 21.
S. H. DUDLEY, In "Dr. Beans From Boston"—Louisville, Ky., week of Feb. 10.
BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY CO.—Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 12; Savannah, Ga., 13; Charleston, S. C., 14; Florence, 15; Darlington, 16; Sumter, 17.
"JOLLY" JOHN LARKINS, In "Royal Sam,"—Pawhuskie, Okla., Feb. 12; St. Joseph, Mo., 15, 16, 17.
McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS.—Ellinwood, Kan., Feb. 12; Hoisington, 13; La Cross, 14; Lyons, 15; Marquette, 16; Salina, 17.

Vaudeville.

THE RUSSELLS, Joe and Armanda.—National theater, Detroit, Mich., week of Feb. 12.
FRANK KIRK.—Gaiety theater, South Chicago, week of Feb. 12.
SEALS AND FLOYD.—Crown Garden, Indianapolis, week of Feb. 12.
GORDON AND STAFFORD—Rutland, Vt., week of February 12.

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BABY F. SEALS IN SEARCH OF FAME

(Series Continued.)

John Middleton, classical contortionist, is in Galveston, Texas, resting up awhile.

The Watts Brothers, comedy acrobats, are still with Allen's Minstrel as a specialty feature.

illie Zeek is still at irmingham, Ala., at the South Side Colored Playhouse, where he is still packing 'em in. He is stage manager.

Walter Jackson, Gertie Banks and Albert Young, of the "Hottest Coon in Dixie" Company, were in the city last Saturday en route to Chicago.

The Celebrated Leon, magician and ventriloquist, arrived in aJcksonville, Fla., from Havana, Cuba, February 1. He will open in Pensacola, Fla. His address is 621 Estelle street, Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Laura Smith is now at the Belmont Theater, Pensacola, Fla., making a big hit nightly; also Ranson and Ransom. Laura says, no North for her in the winter time; just give her old Florida.

The new Circle Theater, Philadelphia, Pa., is again open after being closed for five days for inspection. It is now pronounced the safest colored theater in Philadelphia. Business is grand, although the weather is bad.

The Goodloes are here and will join hands with Taylor and Taylor (mother and son), and will take charge of the Lyre Theater, Louisville, Ky. They will put stock on the week of February 12. Mr. and Mrs. Goodloe look well and send regards to all their friends.

Cassie Seaton and L. Frank Whitehead, Valdosta, Ga., say: "We are in the South spending the winter, enjoying a most lovely time; but we hope to be back in dear old Indianapolis in the early springtime. Wishing a howdy-do to all our friends and a long life to The Freeman."

That mysterious trio of Green, Pew and Green is still going. They have just closed at Charlotte, N. C.. Opened at Columbia, S. C., on Monday, January 29. Mr. Green is there with his tenor voice, and gets them singing "That Carolina Rag." Miss Green and that boy, Pugh, clean up with the Texas "Tommy Dance."

Everything is moving along fine at the Alcazar Theater, Galveston, Texas. Mr. George Centers, our stage manager, has some company. Mr. Ritzler is sole owner and manager, and is certainly a gentleman in every respect, and he continues to wear a smile that won't come off. All members of the company send best regards to all in and out of the profession.

Brown and English are still making good with Thompson's Sunny Dixie Minstrels. These two comedians are rapidly advancing to the front. Would like to know where mail can reach Al. Rodgers, Jesse A. Shipp and Crist Smith. These gentlemen please write, for this is business of importance. Regards to all. Chas. English, care Sunny Dixie Minstrels, Gainesville, Fla.

CRESCENT THEATER, NEW YORK.

The western acts are all doing fine out here. The Griffith Sisters broke all records at the Crescent for two weeks. The only act that has ever played the house for that length of time was this one. The largest business in the history of the house was done.

Chicken Reel Beaman was featured on the bill with the sisters and bears the distinction of being the only colored single to play the Crescent one whole week.

Come east, performers; they wan't new faces.

HE RECEIVED GOOD TREATMENT.

To Whom It May Concern:

In looking over the Freeman of January 20th I saw a statement of Mr. Happy-Go-Lucky Simpson, notifying and warning performers from playing at the Dixie theater, Tampa, Fla., as he was stung by the manager of that place, and thaat Mr. Predinger does not know anything about running a place of that kind. Now, I have worked at the Dixie for 12 weeks and was never treated better in my life. Mr. Predinger simply runs his own business and never misses paying salaries when due. I am sorry to say it, but I think Brother Simpson is the only player that ever said such, as Mr. Predinger is a perfect gentFleman and treaats his people with the best of respect. Thanking you Mr. Editor, for this space in your valuable paper, I am yours respectfully, Buddie Glenn, 1031 Central avenue, Tampa, la.

THINKS WELL OF MANAGER PREDIGER.

To the Editor:

Please allow me space in your valuable paper, through which I will bring to the light a wrong and false statement which appeared in the columns of your paper, signed by Happy Go Lucky Simpson, in regard to the manager of the Dixie Theater, Tampa, Fla. I have heard of Mr. Predinger's reputation while playing the New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore stages, from performers that have worked South, and know Mr. Predinger as a perfect gentleman and one of the most reliable managers in the theatrical business, and when I came South and booked to work at his house, I was not at all disappointed, as I found him to be a gentleman, a friend to performers on and off the stage, and very reliable, and when you meet the manager of the Dixie Theater you are meeting the real Dixie prince. Allow me, Mr. Editor, to thank you for your past favors.

Yours most respectfully,
LEON R. LONG, Magician.

SEALS REPLIES TO WELL-KNOWN CRITIC.

Says Russell Misunderstood His Remarks on Criticism.

For the sake of the assertions made by Mr. Sylvester Russell in last week's issue of The Freeman, in regard to my article under the heading of "Does Criticism Help the Profession?" I wish to say that his quoting me as saying that the white people are all against us is an ignorant mistake. I did say that one race of people on top of us was enough for the present. Now, if we were on top, we would not have to be fighting so hard for recognition and equal rights and numerous other things that we are now striving to obtain.

Now, the next statement was this: "I have but one more critic to meet and that is Mr. Sylvester Russell, and when he gets through I will be ready for big time or go back home." What I meant by this is that Mr. Russell is, or should be, to the profession just what the school teacher is to her pupils. He should guide, direct and pick out the good from the bad, showing the things necessary for making a good act. Then if we performers ignore him and let our acts remain a discredit or everything but artistic, then we should take our place behind the plow and stay there. We will look again at that little write-up of mine. I said: "If I had never been criticised I would not be playing the Crown Garden Theater to-day." Being one of the youngest comedians on the vaudeville stage in experience, I have got this far by listening to critics and following their advice. Our manager, Mr. Tim Owsley, criticised one part of my act this week. It was then remedied. Now the act is "going forty." So it is with all critics that I meet. I gladly receive all advice that is given because I benefit by it. So let us who are a little nearer the top than others, reach down and try to lift them up to our standing, and then if they fall it will not be our fault. But really our knowledge of stage art is so limited that we cannot find any large amount of room to heap such vast loads of severe criticism upon one another. Another thing, our critics use too much personal feeling in criticising a performer. Criticise the act, and not the individual. Just because the actor finds himself unable to dine and wine the critic, he finds reason to flay the poor actor unmercifully, even though his act be as good as the best. Also, there are so many actors in vaudeville to-day that it is almost a matter of impossibility to find two acts that do not in some way correspond with one another. I have said that one race on top is enough for the present, and if Mr. Russell thinks that Seals' talk is baby talk, let him spend about three or four weeks down in the Delta; not that he will find everybody bad, but that he will find some of the grandest white people there that he can find anywhere in the world. But he will also find so many bad ones that he will think there are seven races on top. He may tell me how and what to do with my act, but when it comes to the Southern States and her performers, etc., or speaking of "The Man Farthest Down" (with apologies to Dr. Washington), I think I can give him cards and spades and several aces besides. Out of all that I love, I love best my dear old Southern home.

BABY F. SEALS.

SOMEBODY LIED.

I wonder why so many of our colored performers have great write-ups abusing managers because they have a little personal difficulty. A few weeks ago Miss Iva Hubbard said the manager of the Dixie theater at Tampa was about the best manager in the South. Now, one Simpson, the barrel jumper, says he is the worst. This is because he had a little misunderstanding with said manager. He claims Mr. Whitney to be a prince, when he never played his house and knows nothing about him, though I must admit he is quite a fine man. Miss Hubbard said the Globe at Jacksonville was the house of theives. I don't know of any house in the South managed any better, and when I trooped with Al G. Field's I saw some theaters. There was some unknown performer said the Savannah house was rotten and the Globe ought to have a new orchestra. I never met a finer man than Willie Stiles. Is there any better set of men in an orchestra than Prof. Mikell and his bunch Name them. Have our music. You won't have any trouble. Performers only make monkeys of themselves writing abusive letters and taking up the columns of The Freeman with their little personal difficulties, because they told the manager he had a $40.00 act when it is not worth $20.00. There is a little trouble in the business for everybody. So stop lying. If you can't make good in one place try another. You don't hurt managers or anyone else by writing them up. You are making it all the harder for yourself. Simpson abuses one manager and then praises another, when both of them are first cousins, now would Joel book him?

ROSEBOROUGH, The Magician.

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING.

(S. Tutt Whitney.)

Apropos Colored Theaters.

It was with genuine pleasure, mingled with pride, that I learned Indianapolis was to have a real colored theater. Knowing Indianapolis as I do, the progressiveness of its colored inhabitants, their readiness to support any worthy Negro enterprise, made me feel reasonably sure that the Walker Theater would be a success. The news that it had closed its doors after being open scarcely a week came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky.

Without knowing any of the many reasons that may have existed and made the closing of the Walker Theater a necessity, I wish to extend my sympathy to Mr. Earl Walker. He is a young man and entered into the management of the Walker Theater with enthusiasm. He should not be discouraged by failure. If he made mistakes, let him profit by them and try again.

Many managers and promoters of colored theaters have failed more from lack of encouragement, sympathy and support than from incompetency. There are a lot of wiseacres who have not the courage or intelligence to tackle a job themselves that envy a man who has the grit to try, withdraw from such a one their support, thereby encouraging failure, for no other evident motives than jealousy and the pleasure of saying, "I told you so."

The colored theater is destined to be a big factor in the uplift of the Negro. What we need is a man that will make an exhaustive study of the situation and tell us why an up-to-date colored theater for colored people in a city with an adequate colored population to support it fails. Then colored men with capital will have some knowledge with which to safeguard their investment, if it happen to be a colored theater.

When a man fails a criticism of the methods employed that led to failure should suffice. Making public his personal and family affairs can bring small enlightenment to a purely business proposition. Not only this, but a knowledge of the beam within one's own eye should restrain one from picking at the mote within his brother's eye.

The question arises, Do colored people wish theaters patronized exclusively by colored people? Do colored people prefer to patronize theaters where white people attend?

In Tulsa, Okla., the manager of the theater was induced to give the entire house to colored patrons. After the show some of the best colored people of the city informed me that we would have had double the colored attendance if the usual custom had prevailed—balcony and gallery for colored, lower floor for whites.

In Florala, Ala., where the entire house was given to colored, some of the whites were so incensed at the ignominy, as they called it, of being "jimcrowed for a nigger show," that they attempted to dynamite the opera house, and hundreds of Negroes were afraid to attend.

In Americus, Ga., the white attendance for colored shoys was very small. Mr. Morgan, a fair-minded white man, conceived the idea that he was running his theater for money, and turned over the entire house to colored people when playing colored shows. Immediately this was done, many whites asked permission to be allowed to see the colored shows, so a small space was reserved for whites. This season we turned away nearly 200 whites, who could not gain admission to see the show.

In Columbia, Charleston and Winston-Salem, S. C.; Savannah and Columbus, Ga.; Birmingham, Ala.; Jacksonville, Fla., and several smaller cities in the South the entire house is turned over to the colored people while playing colored shows. The colored people have been loyal and pack these theaters. Several white managers have said that they are the best behaved, best dressed audiences of the season.

To run a colored theater successfully many things must be considered. A proper location is a first and important consideration. Many beautiful theaters in prosperous cities are failures because they are improperly located. Neyt to the theater comes the question of manager or management. The manager of a theater should be a man of integrity, intelligence, influence and affability, with well developed business acumen and a wide experience in theatrical business.

A manager should study the financial condition of his patrons and fix the prices of admission accordingly. He must also learn what his patrons like best in the line of amusements and know where and how to get it for them.

The question of advertising is often overlooked or considered inconsequential. Advertising is the key to success. The fact that a colored theater is being opened in a city for colored people only does not assure success; and when such a theater fails, it does not mean that the colored people of that city are lacking in race pride.

The successful theaters are the theaters with a clientele. People who have formed the theater-going habit; people that have developed the habit of attending some particular theater weekly, semi-weekly, sometimes tri-weekly, regardless of the attraction. The principal method employed by managers for germinating this habit in their patrons is advertising.

Manager Thomas, of the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., by efficient methods, has achieved success from failure. The pretty Temple Theater, New Orleans, is awaiting the right man to make it a paying proposition. And no doubt the proprietors of the Walker Theater, profiting by their mistakes, will reopen its doors and be accorded the support due a worthy enterprise.

NOTES OF GEORGIA CAMP MEETING CO., BELDING, MICH.

While showing in Ionia, Mich., last week the company was entertained at a supper by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Milton and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown. After supper there were several selections on the piano by Miss Agnes Milton, which were very pleasing; but the best thing of the evening was the violin playing of little 5-year-old Ethel Milton, in which she rendered several pieces to the delight of all those present.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hirsh, Mr. J. Snow, Happy Bill Briggs, Louise LeVine, Minstrel Mitchell, Mr. Westley Milton, formerly of J. C. Rockville's Sunny South Company, who is now at home on account of poor health.

Regards to friends in and out of the profession.

A most enjoyable evening was the pleasure of all present.

THE CARTER TRIO—SOME TIMELY ADVICE.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Carter Trio, at the Monogram week of 22nd, closing the bill. From the amount of applause the act went big. The manager seemed well pleased, as we have left most of them. We wish all acts in vaudeville or stock, whether the same is from the North or South, a success.

Where acts come from has something to do with the ability, in the estimation of some of our news reporters. We have men and women in England today who are direct from Georgia, and we also have some news reporters who don't come from England. So let that question where we come from drop.

It is very little we have to say about ourselves in the papers, but we read of everything we can find, especially theatrical column, for that is in our line of living. Some of the things said about each other in the papers are ridiculous and we should stop it before it gets too far. If The Freeman is so accommodating as to insert little articles for us, let us have them worth reading. We agree with Mr. Seals when he says one race on top of us is enough, for if the other race would read what we say of each other, they would think we were not on good terms, and they would not make it any better.

Now, sometimes when a manager is booking independent he gets a letter from an act, and he will ask another act about them; there is where we should practice the golden rule. Don't put your hand on your nose and shake your head and say, "He ain't got 'em," because he may get booked and make good, and the manager will say the same thing about you with a different meaning. Again, we should not go in public places and talk against each other, because it makes the listeners look on us as nothing. Barber shops, saloons, poolrooms and cafes are the numerous places where actors are talked of, and if one had not seen a show he certainly would not go if he would judge the show by the conversations heard among the actors.

"Cut it out." If you don't like the act that is coming in the next week and you are to be held oer, don't tell the manager that you will cancel your engagement, as you don't want to be on the bill with them. The manager has nothing to do with your personal aaffirs. What he wants is a good show, and let us try to give it to him; get the money and get away. We harm ouselves sometimes in trying to harm someone else.

Acts that are together ought to try and remain so, for after you have worked so hard to establish that name, you wish to retain it. It is too early to say, "You go your way and I'll go mine."

Mr. Billy Arnt and myself worked hard for two years to make the name of Arnt and Carter famous. Look at the time that was lost after we parted. I have an act known as the Carter Trio. We have been together three years, and I think that is a short time. If you get booked for a long run, finish together and come in with a clean record, and the agent may have some more time for you. But if he has to send a white act to finish your time he'll just keep on sending them out, and you will wonder why you can't get booked with your new partner.

Don't let your grievance conflict with your work. People don't pay big prices to see you swelled up at your partner.

One who can show an artificial grin and make it look natural is an actor. A reporter who writes and criticises should be careful, because at times his judgment may be poor. If he cannot do any good he should not try to do harm or speak from a prejudice standpoint. I think they ought to write about an act as they see it, not as they feel towards the persons.

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

By A. C. Oglesby.

Special to The Freeman.

One of the many things KansasF City can boast of is the Imperiala Trio. Now the name itself does not mean anything, but when you consider that these three men of color have amused and entertained the most exclusive as well as fastidious white audiences for more than 20 years, you will see at a glance that they deserve some consideration from our people. Prof. Sandy Miller is manager of this trio. He plays the mandolin; Prof. Arthur Miller, the harp-guitar; Prof. L. A. McClanahan, the bass violin. They played for the swellest party that has been given at the Baltimore Hotel this season ,Tuesday night, the 20th of January. There is no color line so far as this trio is concerned. They are admitted to the best white homes of Kansas City.

Mr. C. Watson, one of the waiters of the Baltimore, has been on the sick list, but is back at work again.

HARD AND FAIR SOCIAL CLUB IN PITTSBURG, PA.

Special to The Freeman.

All preparations are being completed for the big ball to be given by the Hard and Fair Social Club at Continental Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Thursday evening, February 15, 1912. From all indications, this dance will be the largest ever held in Western Pennsylvania. The committee has been sending out letters to different parts of the United States to Cake Walkers, male and female, and they expect to haave at least a dozen or more to take part in their Cake Walk in connection with the ball. Mr. Johnnie Jones and his side aid, the best cake walkers around this section, have been engaged to take part. Artist Johnson and his fair one from Cupid's Landing will also be in the "Walk." Foxey Jones, of Chicago, and Miss Mayme Jackson, of Washington, D. C., will be on hand to show the people of this section how to do the Cake Walk. MFessrs. Carl Jackson and Rush Shelton, two of the best known young men in Western Pennsylvania, and of the Hill, says: "We are going to give the people in this section something they never had or saw on a dancing floor." New dances, new steps, and new music, by old dancers. "Kid" Miller, Pittsburgh's Favorite, will be on the floor to welcome the guests, and if they want to dance with him, he will be willing to do anything to make them feel happy while they are in this company.

LOVEJOY, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

A reform wave seems to have come, or is passing over the village. The officials and police are very busy these days stamping out crime and disorder.

Mr. J. J. Dowling announced his intention of building a beautiful theatre. The pllans are now in his possession. Excavations are to begin soon.

Rev. S. B. Jones, pastor of the A. M. E. E. St. Louis, was a visitor last week, and commented on the progress of negroes in Brooklyn.

The recent two operations performed by Dd. Earl Williams, one a cerebral and the other a heart operation, both successful, have our white professionals guessing. May God speed the promising young man on.

Mr. Albert Goldman is much improved after a severe illness.

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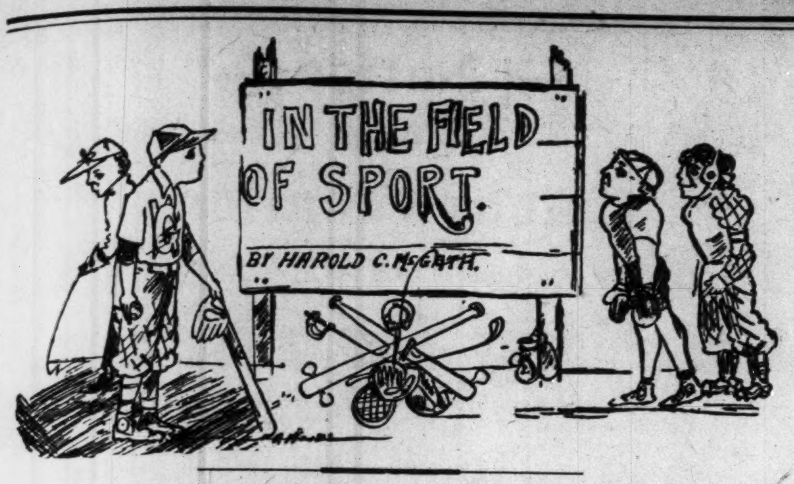

Langford and Jeannette have met eight times. Langford has won the greater number of times.

It looks like Jack Curley will go through with his original plan and stage the Johnson-Flynn bout near Salt Lake. Latest bidders for the match come from Albuquerque, N. M., Juarez, Mexico, and Hot Springs, Nev.

Tommy Burns, who arrived in Honolulu the other day from Australia en route to San Francisco, announced that he is ready to meet Jack Johnson on his own terms, having recovered from an injury to his knee abaout eighteen months ago. Burns went to Australia some time ago with Jack Lester, and has been training, pending full recovery of the wrenched knee.

The Chicago Union Giants made the longest trip of any Chicago team, also had the most successful season ever made by a Chicago club, playing 176 games, winning 138; lost 34; tied 4. The captain, Robt. Gilkerson, is getting ready to make a longer trip this season. The manager, S. S. Gordon, is assisting in the work. Several new faces will be seen in the line-up. The strongest team it is possible to make is expected.

Jack Johnson has decided on a scheme whereby he believes he can more than even up with the New York Boxing Commission for not allowing him to box in the metropolis. The champion said that he will place on the "blacklist" and fighter who boxes in New York. By this stand he declares the Flynn-Palzer fight cannot be held if the Pueblo man wants to get a chance for the championship. Johnson also admitted his anxiety to thus disappoint the promoters of this match in reaping a large sum of money.

Jeannette and Johnson have battled seven times. Joe won once on a foul, and Jack won one decision. One other fight was a draw, and no decisions were rendered in the other five. Johnson has boxed McVey twice. He beat him on both occasions. Jeannette met McVey four times. The first battle went ten rounds to "no decision." Jeannette won the decision in the next one over a twenty-round course. The third contest lasted fifty-one rounds, McVey being knocked out. Shortly after they fought thirty rounds. The decision was a draw.

FLYNN DIDN'T CARE TO MEET TAFT

Will Be Biggest Man in the World, If—You Know the Rest—They Bull and Bear the Fight.

By Billy.

The other day Flynn was in Cleveland, O. President Taft was also there. Some one of the Flynn following thought it would be a good thing to have the while hope meet the President. But Flynn said that he did not care to go to the trouble, having in mind, one will think, that audiences with "Kings" are not easily brought about. Then, too, there are those formal exchanges of courtesies, and insipid little saying that spell bore to the practical, everyday man. A fighter has but little of the poetic in his make-up, hence, can't see the reason for hobnobbing with the "tender foots." However, Fitzsimmons claimed that he was more than a "hired butcher." He loved and wanted to be loved, winning his fair Desdemona in that he did so love and so forth.

Well, Jimmie, that's Flynn, wasn't so sentimental about meeting the President, or, maybe he was more sentimental. Perhaps, he would meet the President when when it was all over and victory on his side, thus he would be of equal distinguishment according to their respective callings. He said that if he could succeed in putting it over Jack Johnson, he would be as big as two Tafts, and in a way it is true. In all the world there was never a man that the white people want to see trimmed down a bit as they want it done unto champ Jack.

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Of course, Flynn wouldn't be so great as Mr. Taft in the best sense, but his name would be uttered a thousand to one in a given time—immediately following the fight. But after the hurrah had subsided, in the years to come school boys, school girls will yet be poring over the name of Taft and his kind when Flynn and his kind have gone to their long whither like the leaves of last autumn. Archives of state, enactments of "parliament," proclamations will be emblazoned with the names of Taft's kind—in short the tortoise overtakes the hare.

But, I do not seek to minimize the promised greatness of Flynn should he outdo Johnson. We all thought well of Sullivan, bluffy old John. We moaned, the day he went down. The sun refused—well that's too strong. There were no eclipses and so forth, nor did the lions cub in the streets; but it was a very gloomy day. And until this day, regardless of defeat, John L. Sullivan is a pugilistic idol. But in time he will pass out of mind, special and peculiar history, only, will hold his records.

But if Flynn wins he will best Sullivan. Perhaps a monument may be erected to him. And indeed, if not he will be entabliatured in the heaarts of those who so devoutly hope that he may win—his children's children will not want for bread—but that's too weak—softish. He will be allright forever.

O, Mr. Flynn, the prize is worthy of your best efforts, worthy of your best dreams. You or Johnson will win. What a chance for the greatest distinction of a kind that can fall to mortal man.

But, Mr. lynn, you have something to do, verily. Jack is a very demon. He has added to his strength and pugilistic tichnic that other and as equal great thing—confidence—a supreme confidence buoyed up by plaudits and successes, together with his superb physical self—makes for a combination that will be beaten down by the superhuman only. Will Flynn do it? Can he do it? The chorus of Flynn partisans would say: "Flynn, you must do it. All of these are yours if you do; do it."

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How comes Tom O'Rourke, who has this to say that he bet $5,000 that Al Palzer can whip Jim Flynn in jig time. Interpreted this means that in O'Rourkes opinion Flynn has no business in the ring with Jack Johnson. It means further, to make the thing so plain that the chances will be against the fight being pulled off. Jack said that he would take the bet, and that he would put up the money just as soon as O'Rourke posts a certified check. This kind of talk is the usual preliminary to all important bouts—talking for time, or for keeping up courage, blu⅛ng, etc. But it all goes; it is interesting, and we like it, we Americans of whom Barnum said, liked to be humbugged.

Then Jack leads out one, and to this extent, that he will give Palzer $2,000 for every round over three that he, Palzer, can stand before him. O'Rourke made him sore, and he took this method of getting back at the attempt to cheapen Flynn, whom he expects to meet. Will Palzer meet this challenge¾ And it is somewhat consistent since O'Rourke says that Palzer is a better man than the one Johnson is to meet. Johnson says, virtually, "Now, trot out your better man and see what I'll do to him."

GEORGE DIXON

The World's Greatest Fighter a Creator and Master of Endurance.

By Juli Jones, Jr.

George Dixon was the greatest fighting machine that ever climbed through the ropes of a ring. He was the greatest benefit the fighting game ever had, wining the admiration of the white fans as well as those of his own race.

Before Dixon's time the little men under the lightweight limit did not attract very much attention and received very poor pay for their work. Dixon came into the game fighting for $25 and ended by demanding $20,000 for one night's services. The above amount was paid to him at the Coney Island Athletic Club when he fought Solly Smith.

Dixon made the public pay little men some attention, and he admonished his fellow-boxers to give strict attention to the game in order that they merit the attention the public would give. In this Dixen benefited the white fighters as well as those of his own race.

Dixon finished the work of Mullineaux, Bob Traves, Prof. Bailey, Prof. Hadley, "Black Diamond" Woodson, C. C. Smith, George Godwfrey and others.

Dixon's ability as a fighter and his strict honesty made him a great favorite in the game and won for him the respect of the people as a gentleman in the ring as well as outside of it.

The game needs more Dixons if it is to continue as a great sport.

When I refer to white fans I mean the white men, as few colerd men get to see fights of importance.

There are several good colored fight critics, and the writer knows that they are men of good judgment and with some they have their first fight to see.

Fighting is the white man's pastime, and before the coming of George Dixon very few of them would think of allowing a colored man to participate in a ring contest. But Dixon's great career has changed this.

When Dixon was defeated by McGovern two large pictures were found in the Boston Herald—one of John L. Sullivan and the other George Dixon. The words of Harding appeared underneath the pictures, stating that these two men were the world's two greatest fighters. It will be remembered that both of these noted men came from Boston.

It can be said of Dixon and Sullivan that they were great credit to the game owing to their great abilities and their honesty. It is was to these men that the credit was given for fighters meeting in concert halls to settle the supremacy of their respective classes instead of fighting in barns as had previously been the case.

Boston loved these two men alike and knew no color line when praise was due either of them.

The names of Dixon and Sullivan will never die in the annals of puglistic history.

George Dixon's honesty and fearless attitude convinced the white men that the colored man was some good as an entertainer with the gloves. When Dixon fell from his high perch of fame at the hands of Terry McGovern there was not that usual clamor of rejoicing at the Broadway Athletic Club, but sympathy seemed to cling to the little colored pugilist, and he received as many cheers as did McGovern as they climbed out of the ring after that memorable battle.

Dixon was well liked by his fellow-boxers regardless of color, and when the benefit was given for him in New York many headliner white boxers volunteered their services in behalf of the great little fighter who was down and out. The way the people were turned away on the night of Dixon's benefit show was amazing, and only demonstrated the high esteem with which the followers of the game had for George.

The greatest comment Dixon ever received was when the daily papers placed him in a class with John L. Sullivan as a fighter who had uplifted the game.

It was Dixon who paved the way for such fighters as Peter Jackson, who never had a chance to show his worth as a fighter in California.

Dixon's success encouraged every other colored pugilist in the world. Every colored boy in this country loved him.

Dixon's success in the ring gave Bobby Dobbs a chance, and was the direct cause of Walcott being the great fighter he was.

It was Dixon's road show that brought the "Harlem Coffee Cooler," Frank Crig, once champion of England, and Fred Morris, the cyclone, to the front.

Joe Gans made his debute as a boxer in one of Dixon's road shows in Baltimore.

Colored boxers and fighters sprung up like mushrooms when Dixon was in his prime, including the mighty Jack Johnson. It was Dixon's fearless attitude that encouraged the colored AmericFan fighters to advance.

Dixon's record will show that he fought just as hard and fearless in New Orleans with 20,000 sports against him as he did in Boston where there were as many for him. His advice to the colored fighter was to go and fight squarely and remember that hoops and yells would not defeat the men they were fighting, and that one good, hard swing would do more to defeat an opponent than the voices of a million men.

Dixon's clean record shows that he never took unfair advantage of his opponent, never hit a foul blow, never played a ring trick, never promised anyone to let his opponent stay the limit, and never entered the ring only in the best condition, ready to do justice of the spectators who had payed their money to see a fight. He never wrangled over the weight question and was always agreeably in the selection of a referee. He once fought rank Erne who was seven pounds overweight rather than disappoint the spectators, and refused to take the forfeit money of his opponent posted to make a required weight.

There is no ex-champion that can be classed with Dixon save John L. Sullivan. There are incidents in Dixon's career that have never been published, and if they have it has been only in small notes.

When Dixon began his professional career, after whipping every boy in Cambridge, Mass., he weighed only ninety-seven pounds. It was a hard matter for him to gain weight. He had not fought but a short time when he met Hank Brennan, a tough Irishman, of Boston. This Brennan outweighed Dixon about fifteen pounds, and certainly had the colored boy's goat for a long while. Brennan and Dixon fought three draws, and the fourth time the pair met Dixon whipped Brennan good and plenty. The colored boy improved every time he met Brennan, and finally succeeded in beating him at his own game.

Dixon's victory over Brennan drew the attention of Tom O'Rourke, who was once a fighter, and he saw the possible making of a champion in the little, skinny colored pugilist with so much grit and willingness. Dixon went right along knocking out every boy in New England regardless of weight, until the Boston papers commenced to give him attention. One writer came out boldly and said that there was not a man in the fighting business under the lightweight limit who could defeat the little Dixon. This defi brought many challenges from New York and other cities, and Dixon cleaned them up in less time than it takes to tell it.

The great Hornbacker match was next arranged. Hornbacker was considered as invincible at 116 pounds and claimed to be the undisputed champion at that weight. In the fight Hornbacker took every advantage of money, weight, etc. Dixon surprised the world by knocking Hornbacker out in the eighteenth round of the contest. The New York papers then said Dixon was the greatest piece of fighting machinery in the world. It was then that Tom O'Rourke claimed the bantam and featherweight honors for Dixon. This brought about more trouble, as Cal McCarthy, of Jersey City, N. J., laid claim to the featherweight honors that he had honestly won in both amateur and professional bouts. A match with McCarthy was easily made and was staged in Boston. Dixon ran up against a little proposition that no one had ever thought of. Some of Dixon's close friends, in talking of his greatness, kept on mentioning that Dixon did not weigh 100 pounds, until some reformer dug up an old law which said that no boy under 18 years of age should be permitted to engage in a boxing contest unless he weighed 105 pounds. To cheat the law Dixon had to weigh in at the ringside with lead in the bottom of shoes and succeeded in tipping the beam over the required weight. As soon as they weighed in the fight started, and it took Dixon's handlers five rounds before they could remove all the lead from his shoes. McCarthy took advantage of this handicap of the colored boy and came very near ending matters. Dixon did not get right until the fourteenth round on account of the lead in his shoes and the lack of ring experience, which had their effects. The battle, nevertheless, is down in the annals of pugilistic history as one of the greatest ever fought by two little men. They fought from 9:30 in the evening until 3:30 in the morning—seven hours of fighting amounting to seventy-eight rounds. Then the contest was decided a draw in order that the Boston morning papers could print the news of the fight. This battle did Dixon a world of good in every way. McCarthy never got over the fight, and the result was that the two little fellows were rematched to fight in Troy, N. Y., twenty rounds for a purse of $20,000. Dixon won in something like the ninth round. He had picked up a world of experience and some extra weight.

Another incident in the career of George Dixon worth mentioning was his fight with Australian Billy Murphy at Providence, R. I., who was considered the best 112-pound man in the world. This fight was fixed so that Murphy could not be knocked out, and should Dixon look like a sure winner the electric wires were to be cut. In some manner the wire cutters got confused and did not get in their work until the referee had taken about ten minutes to count ten seconds.

Dixon's first tour of the country was no easy sailing. He wound up the trip by knocking out seventy-five men and boys and stopping about 100. None of them won the $100 offered by staying the four rounds required. The shows brought out many good white and colored boys.

Dixon's second tour brought about a different difficulty in the way of the loaded glove that a four-year-old boy could knock out a heavyweight with. All the dubs in the country bought these unfair gloves. As a rule O'Rourke would place two pair of gloves in the ring for the strangers to pick from. This went all right during the first season, but the second season brought replies that the opponents of the colored fighter would use their own gloves. Dixon soon found out the reason. After getting stung once by the loaded gloves, Dixon came to the conclusion that it was the best thing that had ever happened for the dubs, as it gave them confidence to use the loaded mit. Thus armored with the loaded gloves, the aspirants for Dixon's $100 offer to stay four rounds with him would come into the ring and fight, and as a result the little champion would make short work of all of them. Many an aspiring boxer, filled with confidence by the loaded glove, was put to sleep by the colored boy and awoke to fnd his friends telling him how it had happened.

Dixon had two goats—Sam Boland and Rosebud. Neither of these boys was a match for Dixon, yet he could not put them out. The Rosebud once came near putting George out. It was claimed that Dixon became careless for the first and last time with the Rosebud. Said Rosebud handed Dixon one wallop never to be forgotten. Rosebud lived in ease about Philadelphia on the reputation of having almost put the great Dixon out of the running. It was an honor alright, but he never received mention in the press.

The great fighter died with almost no money at all, although he had earned large sums. How many men have done the same thing and left a mark behind them that millions could not buy—not even a spot in their professional careers. This can truly be said of George Dixon:

Died a pauper, buried like a king;
Let George Dixon's name forever ring.

VINCENT WINS OVER SAMPSON AT PEKIN THEATER, CHICAGO, ILL.

(By Sylvester Russell.)

Illa Vincent, who can now be looked upon as the most wonderful wrestler of his size in history, won over the white gladiator, Sampson, January 28th, in 40 minutes. Sampson, who is almost 100 pounds heavier than the Cuban wonder, was thrown violently to the floor by Vincent and rendered helpless by a dislocated shoulder. The curtain was rung down amid wild cheers for Vincent. In a preliminary, two white wrestlers, Young Starkey, at 131, and John Fletcher, at 133, gave a good wrestling exhibition for 20 minutes. Fletcher won from Starkey, whose work proved to be the cleverest, so a challenge for another match was issued, for the next meeting at Motts' theater on February 4th. LeRoy Bird, the colored lightweight wrestler, will challenge the winner. On Friday evening, January 26, Vinvent threw three strong white men inside of an hour. Martin Cutler, in 10 minutes; Joe Berg, in 12 minutes; and Ollie Nelson, a finely developed Dane, who proved to be a hard proposition, but lost to Vincent in 30 minutes. Illa Vincent is to sail for Germany May 1st.

MORE BASEBALL LEAGUE TALK. KANSAS CITY, MFO.

Having organized several different successbul baseball leagues in the past six years, the M. I. N. K., the Missouri Valley Western Association, and seeing a great future before the colored people for such an enterprise, I take pleasure in writing to you in regard to this matter, and see what you think of the idea.

You will notice all through the country minor leagues, including towns of only four or five thousand people that make a success each year. Now, my idea, I believe, will illustrate to you that a baseball league composed of cities like Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Louisville and Indianapolis, should make good, even a six-club circuit, with two teams in Chicago, one in St. Louis, one in Louisville, one in Indianapolis and one in Kansas City, playing a six-game series in each city, so the railroad jumps will not eat up the profits. The jumps in the "Union League" out west are bigger than in the proposed circuit.

We could work with the American Association, so as not to conflict with the schedule of their league, and use their parks in Louisville, Indianapolis and Kansas City, while you people have parks in the other cities.

My idea is to make each club deposit $250.00 to guarantee to stick the season out. Open season on May 1st and close September 15th.

Now, if you wish to talk business along these lines, I will lend you all the assistance I can, and get things lined up with the papers, so we can get all the publicity that is due us.

As to references, will refer you to Mr. Weaver here, and all the local papers. I would expect to place my application for the office of president, provided the league was organized. Yours truly, L. J. Galbreath, 1417 Main street, Kansas City, Mo.

IS HE A PROPHET?

Will He Fight Again in the United States?

When Jack Johnson, over in London, said that he was through with the United States, and never would fight here again, it looks as if he merely beat somebody to a statement of facts. The conditions themselves are not going to be brought about by the champion. Divers other persons, in various sections of our country, are busying themselves with arrangements that threaten to preclude his appearance in Uncle Sam's domains. And as it stands, Johnson is a fighter willing to work—for his price—anywhere in the United States, but with only Nevada open to him.

This latter State is not a certainty. If there were not a general impression that the Flynn and Johnson bout will fall through the other reasons, it is probable that preparations to have the Nevada fight law wiped off the statute books already would be under way. A special session of the legislature is easily possible, and Nevada may demand one. There is no rush, for the bout looks like a purely speculative proposition now. Jack Curley, who manages Flynn, already has called off the Palzer bout and is booking a theatrical tour for his man. This makes the Flynn end of the sketch look bad.

How New York Will Bar Him.

Australia, England and California are closed to the champion. Youngstown, Mo., Fthis week refused to let him box in exhibitions in a city that has been staging regular contests. New York has lidded him now. In these columns several days ago it was stated that Governor Dix, if the legislature should refuse to repeal the Frawley law, might make it inoperative by removing the commissioners. That this would be a possibility was proved yesterday, when Commissioner O'Neil, in declaring himself against Johnson to box in New York, said that he would prevent the champion's appearance if no other method was feasible, by resigning. This would leave a board of but one man, which would not be competent to issue licenses.

Johnson, in Chicago yesterday, paused from denouncing Jim Corbett long enough to say that he could not be prevented from boxing in New York, and that he would "demand the rights of an American citizen." Jack may be all right in theory, but any time any fighter or fight promoter, thinks he can put anything through that the authorities have decided to prevent, he shows that he is not conversant with history. Nevada's ironclad law cannot be gotten around, but it can be repealed. And, with the law still in force, that is the only State in the Union in which a fighter can win an argument with public opinion.

Corbett Gets Some Advertising.

Both ends of the Johnson and Corbett argument worked overtime yesterday, sending dispatches respectively, from Chicago and Boston. Corbett's latest is a promise to punch Johnson's nose if the Negro tries to shake hands with him when they meet. Johnson had previously described in detail the methods by which he will handle Corbett if the latter fails to crawl when they come together. The whole thing is splendid advertising for Corbett, and fair for Johnson, who does not need it quite so much.

They probably will not be quite so beligerent as the day approaches for their meeting. Johnson has never been strong for mixing when there was no money in sight, and Corbett is pretty careful not to get hurt, with nothing to gain. He was mixed up, however, in one of the few altercations in which prominent fighters have engaged in recent years, that being his somewhat famous affair with Fitzsimmons in Philadelphia. It was not a knockdown and dragout, however. Both Johnson and Corbett are well aware that they cannot meet without having so many persons around that it would be impossible for them to come to blows.—Exchange.

Looking forward to the annual spring number and baseball edition of The Freeman.

BARRED ON ACCOUNT OF COLOR.

Pittsburg, Pa.—

Dear Sir—I am a baseball player and have played short stop and third base for the leading white clubs of western Pennsylvania. Was barred from the game in 1909 on account of the team joining the County League, in which I played two games; I then started in at the Indiana Normal school and under the coaching of J. Kid Williams, learned to pitch. I have been pitching and playing every position except catching for the last three years. Two years ago I went to Jannette and was barred on account of color. The papers said I was a professional and could not play in a college game last summer. I started a successful season pitching for the Pekin Tigers, of Cleveland, and after winning my first game by a score of 2 to 1, the club went under. I then returned home and played with the Pittsburg Giants, winning eight straight shutout games from the best white clubs in the city. I have with me a catcher who has been with me for the last two years, and we are seeking positions with some good colored team. I remain,

Yours truly,
D. L. JACKSON.
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GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Johnson Bell continues ill at her home on James street..Mr. David Moore has returned from Buffalo, N. Y.....Mrs. Edna BurnetFt, of Detroit, will spend the month with her mother, Mrs. Alfreda Sims....The Stewardess Board will give an entertainment at Woodmen hall on Wealthy avenue on February 29....Mrs. LaMott Jones and son leave Saturday for Los Angeles, Cal....Funeral services for Mrs. Harriet Washington, ono of the old residents of the city who died at the home of her grandson, Ambrose Pendelton, on January 26, were held at the A. M. E. church Monday at 2 p. m. FRev. Scott, assisted by Rev. J. W. Saunders and Dr. Brownell, conducted the services....Arnett chapel Sunday school, every Sunday at 12:15 p. m.......The Right Thinking Afro-American Literary Society meets in the lecture room every riday night. Interesting programs. All are welcome.

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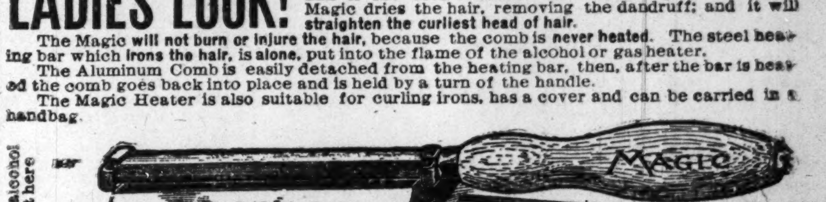

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Miss Luebirdie Collins continues ill at the home of her mother, 719 Ogden street.

Mr. Chris L. Pace, of Atlantic City, N. J., has accepted a position at Mr. Archie Greathouse's emporium.

Mrs. Brooks, of Chicago, who has been visiting Miss Carrie Parker and friends, has returned to her home in that city.

The Episcopal churches will hold a meeting at English's opera house Sunday. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Rebecca Brooks was highly entertained at the beautiful home of Mrs. Anna Dickerson in Oakland avenue, Friday.

Mrs. Rebecca Brooks, formerly of this city, now of Chicago, was the guest of Mrs. Carrie Parker, 603 West Thirteenth street, for three weeks. Mrs. Parker received in honor of her guest Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mamie Jefferies was the hostess for the Reginia Embroidery Club, Thursday, February 1, at her home, 1934 North Pennsylvania street. The club met February 8th with Miss Bessie Edwards, 801 West Pratt street.

Mrs. William Harvey has returned from Chicago, where she went to attend the funeral of her cousin, Miss Ota B. Carter, who died January 24. Miss Carter was the daughter of the late Washington Carter, of New Albany, Ind.

The modern club, known as the Regina Embroidery Club, is composed of twenty young ladies, of which Miss Mamie Jeffries is president and Miss Edna Scott is vice-president. Both of these ladies are experts in knitting, crocheting and Mexican drawn work. The object of the club is to have each girl become a modern Priscilla in needlework. Miss Madge Revels will be hostess of the club next Tuesday.

On Sunday, February 11, at Jones Tabernacle, North and Blackford streets. At 11 a. m., the pastor will talk on "Loyalty to Jehovah and the Church." At 7:45, Mr. W. A. Conrad will speak. The members and public are invited to attend each of these services. Class meeting will be Tuesday night week, on account of the contest between Simpson Chapel and Jones Tabernacle Wednesday and Thursday nights, February 14 and 15. Don't forget to come and vote for your candidates.

WASHINGTON HALL REMODELED.

On account of the demand for dates at the Masonic hall being filled, R. L. Sullivan has secured the old Washington hall, at 138½ West Washington street, same being remodeled, making this hall the largest and best dance hall in the city. Parties desiring to secure dates, will call R. L. Sullivan, Main 3603.

HARRY FOSTER DEAN, AFRICAN EXPLORER AND LECTURER.

Harry Foster Dean, African explorer and lecturer, will soon make a lecture tour of the United States. The subjects of his lectures will be: Truth about Liberia; African Life and Customs; A trip through Ungada; The African Race Question; African Political Aspects; The Relation of the Afro-American to the American; Marcus a Prince of Abysinnia. The lectures are already prepared and will appear in print next year.

PHILIP'S CHAPEL C. M. E. CHURCH.

West and Drake Streets—Rev. J. L. Thompson, Pastor.

Preparation is being made for a playlet, "The New Minister," to be produced the evening of the 23rd of February. The production will be under the management of Mrs. J. L. Thompson, who is working hard to give the public a pleasant surprise and a delightful entertainment.

A SUCCESSFUL ELECTRICIAN.

One of the most substantial citizens among our young men in this city who is proving of great worth in this community, is Mr. John F. Cooper, of 745 West North street. Mr. Cooper is connected with the Elliott Telephone and Electric Company, located at 604 Massachusetts avenue, one of the largest and best known firms in the State. Mr. L. V. Elliott, who is at the head of the firm, enjoys the honor of being one of the oldest telephone men in the field, especially in the West. Mr. Cooper is in the employ of the Elliott people as an all-round electrician and lineman, a position not held by any other colored young man in the city. He is competent by reason that the Indianapolis Inspection Bureau has always highly complimented him upon his work.

MARTIN MAKES CLEVER SHOWING.

Among the very substantial young men that Indianapolis is now producing is Mr. Charles A. Martin, phg., 623 Adelaide street. Mr. Martin is a popular student of pharmacy at Indiana Medical College and will graduate there the last of this month. Since attending this school he has been highly commented upon by his superiors for his excellent ability, and able authorities say that he has the baking of an expert chemist. But whatever can be said of Mr. Martin, what his fellow townsmen like best is upright, sterling character as an sonest citizen and a worker. It is certain that he will make a first-class druggist and increase his value as a member of the race. Already he has had some experience in several of our leading drug stores and has given satisfaction, and, what is more, made the "old heads" sit up and take notice.—C. D. M.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Rev. Chas. Parkin will be the speaker at the "Monster Meeting" Sunday, which will be held at the Y. M. C. A. building, corner of West North and California streets. Rev. Parkin is a brilliant speaker, brimming over with anecdotes, illustrating the point that he desires to make. His subject will be "The Making of a Life." The "Monster Meetings" will be held at the Association building until further notice. All men are urged to come early as the space is limited and it will be a case of "first come, first served." Program begins promptly at 3 o'clock. Music by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra.

The membership at present is engaged in an effort to get their friends to take out a membership in the association at this time, as all memberships taken out now will have twelve months to run, irrespective of when the new building is up and the unexpired time on the memberships will be given due recognition in the new building.

The old rate of $2.00 still holds good and the men who joined last year in January and February will have the same privileges extended to them providing they pay thei rmembership at once. It is impossible to state how long this offer will hold good, as the rate is liable to be increased at any time. All race-loving men who desire to see this work developed should take out a membership. Help boost! Get on the band wagon now. The membership last week was very active. C. C. Bowers reported eleven new members; Geo. C. Simmons, six; W. B. Frazier, four; E. McCormick, two, and many others reported one, thus showing that a great deal of energy is being put into activity at this time and success is bound to come. Membership is only counted when a man is paid up. How about you? Is your membership paid up?

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Time will tell more than have been heard of case of meningitis are in Dallas and the State at present. All public schools are now open and teachers and pupils have taken on more activity to catch up for lost time by earlier opening and holding longer daily sessions. Dr. Sopkin, the expert, has made his report to the city officials which shows the various stages of individuals under his charge at Parkland Hospital. It is very noticeable that of the many cases treated several have returned to their various homes and several have died. Because of there being such a scare among all the people hundred who were taken ill were afraid to let it be known until the very last minute, when often it would then be too late to give assistance. However, the conditions are better and confidence is being restored by the heroic work of all the people, and it is only a matter of time until all traces of it will have passed, but never forgotten by the people....Brave Knights of Pythias of every lodge in the city had a jolly night and initiation at Castle Hall on last Tuesday night, when twenty were learned the rites of a brave Knight and what it takes to be a loyal member. Captain C. C. Wiggins and Knights Lonnie Moore, James Overstreet, Wm. Pitts, W. E. King, Ed Wilburn, Willis Hawkins, J. E. Roscoe, J. W. Fowler, James Talbert, Gen. John L. Jones and other did the team work, and the newly made Knights were banqueted afterwards....Gen. John L. Jones visited in Ft. Worth last Sunday on business....Miss Willie Enix and Mr. Jones F. Williams are to be married on March 3....Rev. W. L. Dixon, founder of Dixon Orphans' Home at Gilmer, is making a heroic appeal to the whole people of Texas for the orpnans of his institution in these trying times. He has recentl established headquarters in this city at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Raine on Leonard street, where he would like to meet all persons who are friends to the orphanage and those who wish to donate something at any time. Mrs. Robert Reed died last Friday night after a brief illness of heart failure and was buried Sunday from Eanening chapel A. M. E. church at 3 o'clock p. m. Deceased being one of the active coworkers of this church, several eulogies were read by members of the various departments of the church in behalf of her. She leaves a husband, mother, father, son and sister and other relatives and friends who mourn with sad hearts. The Daughters of Tabor here, under whose auspices the remains were buried, were active in their ritualistic work in behalf of the deceased; also Knight E. J. Crawford & Co., undertakers, who had charge of the remains, and many friends went with the cortege to the cemetery....We are thankful to all classes of the race in the city of Dallas for the praise and compliments that are being given of The Freeman here. We are glad of the popularity it has won isdaily increasing with those who read. We are satisfied to know that the public is being satisfied with the immense volume of newsy notes published each week. Then let there be a general awakening on the part of the Negroes in business, and those of us who are not in business, when you desire to make a purchase go to those of the race. Lady barbers are much needed these days because gentlemen have ceased learning the barber's trade and the large field of that profession, which has been a moneymaker for the race is daily nearing the toboggan. The public is nearly wise to the cause....Baseball magnates are to meet in Fort Worth on the 12th to see how Texas professional players will line up this season. We note several players here, but they are doing no talking, so the large number of amateurs in and around Dallas hould start in to practice early and make a place for themselves as others have done. The next important question, Will the managers and fans not get together and have a park? It is badly needed. Worst of all, Dallas seems to be going down this season. It eems a closed incident from last season's finish. However, The Freeman is on the hunt and will soon inform the public on all the diamond dope in its various stages. Mr. Isom Wooldrige is in Mexico with his horses at the races....Big Son and Fatty Stone are in the restaurant business in Deep Elm street....The pressing shops are kept busy all the while and the eating places are in line with the wet goods men, keeping up appearances and talking business all the time....Mr. Charlie Terrell spent Sunday at his former home with relatives and friends in Terrell....We notice since the cold is loosening its grip on the people and the meningitis has spared several, the courts have never ceased forwarding on the evil doers and those who have had business with them know they are yet on the job....The Freeman hopes that the several persons who are ill here and there over the city will soon be able to mingle with friends again. Several could be seen and several could not be quarantined of course....Mrs. Walter Scott was called to Austin the past week to attend the funeral of one of her sisters, who died recently. Her many friends here sympathize with her and the family. Mr. Van Taylor lost his fine roadster for a short while one night, but soon found it after having notified police headquarters and the sheriff.

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W. J. Oliver, of Fulton, Kans., is here visiting friends, and is prospecting for a farm near Centralia. He is the desirable citizen wanted....The Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa gave an entertainment January 30....The ladies gave a leap year oscial on the evening of the 31st, at the Second Baptist Church. The men were outdone when the ladies called on them to accompany them to the leap year social. They said they were not ready and had no money. But the ladies declared that made no difference; they had plenty themselves, so the men had to get up and go. They all report having had an enjoyable time. The proceeds amounted to $50, which was donated to the church....The C. W. I. Club met at the home of Mrs. W. R. Harding. The meeting was called at the usual hour, with fourteen members present. After the usual routine of business the president introduced the Rev. H. Mickens, of Carlindale, presiding elder of the A. M. E. Conference, who, in choicest language, addressed the club. His address was logical and very instructive, and the ladies of the club were very much inspired to do greater work for humanity than ever before. After the address the hostess invited the members and visitors to the dining room, where a very elaborate three-course luncheon was served. The afternoon was spent very pleasantly indeed, as the hostess is perfectly at home in entertaining the club. Adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Lou Afford, February 8. ....The M. S. C. Club met February 2 at the home of Mrs. Richard Claybrook. New by-laws and constitution were adopted. The club is progressing nicely, and bids fair to do great things in the future. An elaborate repast was served. Rev. Mickens, the club's guest, delivered quite an interesting and instructive address.

BAY CITY, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Edith Ethel Cross of 519 Thirteenth street, graduated from the Farragut school January 26. She will now enter high school....Mr. Herbert Anderson of 408 South Williams street, West Side, graduated from the Kolb school January 26....The Five Greaat Colored Musical Byrons will be at the Bijou theater the week of January 28. They are making quite a hit....Anyone wishing to taake The Freeman call at Mrs. Sarah Breckenridge's 912 Hampton street, agent.... Mrs. Martha Edmonds, 84 years of age, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Waide Wallace, 604 North MFcClellan street....Mrs. George M. Davis, of 1109 Second street, is still on the sick list.... Mr. W. H. Lewis is still confined to his home, 912 Hampton street.

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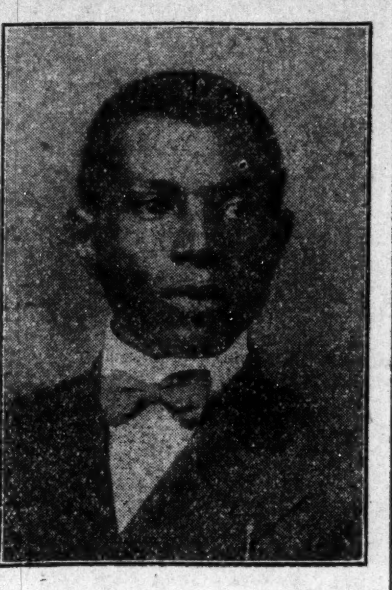

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COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:
In the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana.
No. 20922.
Union Trust Company, guardian of Mary E. Selzer, insane, vs. Henry J. C. Toellner et al.
Complaint, To Quiet Title.

Be it known, that on the 1st day of February, 1912, the above named plaintiff, by its attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, its complaint against the above named defendants, Henry J. C. Toellner et al., and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit showing that said defeddants, Henry J. C. Toellner, ——— Toellner, his wife; Henry J. C. Toellner, deceased.. ——— Toellner, his wife, deceased; the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, next of kin, administrators, executors and legal representatives of Henry J. C. Toellner, deceased, and the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, next of kin, administrators, executors and legal representatives of ——— Toellner, deceased, wife of Henry J. C. Toellner; Frank McWhinney and Mattie McWhinney, his wife, Frank McWhinney, deceased, and Mattie McWhinney, his wife, deceased, and the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, next of kin, administrators, executors and legal representatives of Frank McWhinney, deceased, and the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, next of kin, administrators, executors and legal representatives of Mattie McWhinney, deceased, wife of Frank McWhinney, residence is unknown, that said cause of action is to quiet title of real estate, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendants to appear in said Court and answer or demur thereto on the 10th day of April, 1912.

Now, therefore, by order of said Court, said defendants last above named are hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 10th day of April, 1912, the same being the 9th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in April, 1912, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in their absence.

JOHN RAUCH, Clerk.

Isaac L. Wiseman, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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